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Iran carries severed hand to hospital

JSCAT, Nov 14, (AP): A man carried his severed left hand to the hospital in his other hand after recovering today after a 10-hour operation to reattach it. The man, a 35-year-old garage mechanic from Pakistan who is not identified, was jacking a vehicle when it slipped and cut off his hand at the wrist, according to a spokesman for Boula Hospital in Muscat. "Fortunately, he walked into the casualty department with the hand wrapped in a cloth in his other hand within half an hour of the accident occurring, so we were able to save it," said the spokesman, who was not identified in line with hospital rules. "He was in severe pain and in deep shock when he came in, but is now making a good recovery," the spokesman added.

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Defence spending is justified: Prince Sultan Iran must respect Saudi principles

By Ahmed Al Jarallah

IRAN must stop interfering in the affairs of Saudi Arabia if it wants to have diplomatic ties with the kingdom, Saudi Defence Minister Prince Sultan Bin Abdul Aziz has said. Prince Sultan, who is also the second deputy prime minister, told the Arab Times that Iran must also respect the principles of Saudi Arabia. He said during an interview: "We restore our relations only with those who respect our principles."

Saudi Arabia severed its relations with Iran only because Saudi principles were contradicted, he added.

Denied

"Even if we restore our relations with Iran, our principles will remain unchanged."

He said that Iran has to abide by its quota of pilgrims and must not convert the pilgrimage into a political occasion.

Prince Sultan denied that Saudi Arabia's defence spending is huge. He said: "Saudi Arabia is not a small country, it is simply a continent. It has 28 airports, many cities and above all, huge and long borders that must be well defined and protected."

"Saudi Arabia is also the citadel of Islam and any harm against it will harm Islam and Islamic countries as a whole," he said.

"Saudi Arabia must be a land of security and peace and has to spend the amounts it is spending on defence."

If Saudi armament programmes are compared with similar programmes in many other countries, the outlay of Saudi funding will be very small, the prince said.

"If tension is reduced in the Gulf, spending on arms may be reduced or defence programmes may be scaled down in Saudi Arabia and other Gulf states," Prince Sultan said adding, "Saudi military strength is also the strength of its sister states in



Prince Sultan

the Gulf."

"The Almighty Allah has honoured the kingdom with the presence of the holy sites. Our strength is for the whole region and it is our duty to protect the great principles of Islam," the prince said.

Discussing Chinese arms purchased by Saudi Arabia, Prince Sultan affirmed that the arms are for defensive purposes. He said,

Saudi Arabia is not an expansionist country, but reaffirmed that in case of any aggression, the Saudis are quite capable of defending their land.

Prince Sultan pointed out that the war in the Gulf ended because both parties deeply felt that the war should be stopped. Iraq seeks peace from a position of strength and Iran also wants peace.

"The most important aspect now," the prince said, "is to restore friendly relations between Iran and Iraq and between Iran and other states of the area."

"We should not be affected by the setback in the current talks between the two parties in Geneva," he said. The war lasted for eight years and its consequences cannot be solved quickly.

"The war was senseless as it was between two Muslim countries and the loss is to Islamic power. We do hope that the Geneva talks will have the same ending as that of the war itself," he said.

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Cold wave hits Kuwait

By Fathima Ahmed

THE residents of Kuwait were caught unaware by the sudden cold wave, that hit Kuwait yesterday. Temperatures fell to 11°C (52°F) after a stormy night on Sunday.

Not many were prepared for the chilly winds and damp weather that greeted them yesterday morning.

The cold wave was brought on by low pressure and north-westerly winds blowing from Europe toward the region.

Winter

Normally winter in November is comfortably cool with temperatures averaging about 20°C (68°F). Such cold waves as the one experienced yesterday usually occur in January, said to be the coldest month in winter.

The cold wave will continue today with the temperature rising to 12°C with some rainfall. It rained a little yesterday.

Reuter adds: People from Israel to Iran were shivering yesterday as winter came early to the Middle East, pushing November temperatures to their lowest for decades in some places.

Snow

Snow blanketed mountain peaks in several countries. In north Lebanon, police and children on skis rescued several people trapped by snowfalls up to two metres (six feet) deep.

Hilltops around Ankara and Istanbul had their first snow of the winter and Turkish weathermen described the conditions as more like midwinter.

Snow fell in the Syrian mountains and in Jordan temperatures fell to freezing on Sunday night from 13°C during the day.

Cairo was sunny but unusually cold with night temperatures as low as 11°C (52°F).

Jerusalem reported its coldest November night for 68 years, with the temperature dropping to 1°C (34°F). At Kfar Blum, in the north of Israel, temperature was -1°C (30°F).

Tabriz and nearby cities in northwest Iran were blanketed by snow, Tehran Radio reported. Elementary schools were closed in Tabriz.

Khoy, near the Turkish border, was Iran's coldest spot at minus 12°C (10°F).

Red Square flier

MUNICH, Nov 14, (AP): Mathias Rust, who spent almost a year in a Soviet prison for buzzing the Kremlin in an unauthorised flight to Red Square, plans to sponsor an organisation to aid refugees from the Soviet Union, a magazine reported today.

Egypt will help any Arab state attacked by Israel

ABU DHABI, Nov 14, (UPI): A top Egyptian official yesterday said Cairo "will not hesitate" to help any Arab country if it was attacked by Israel despite the nine-year-old peace treaty.

The remarks by Osama Al Baz, political adviser to Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, were the first time Israel was mentioned explicitly in Cairo's commitment to a unified Arab defence charter.

"Let me say this loud and clear: if Israel launches any aggression against any Arab country, Egypt will not hesitate at all in standing by this country," Al Baz said.

In a lecture to the Abu Dhabi Cultural Foundation, Al Baz said the 1979 US-sponsored Camp David accords between Egypt and Israel "does not prevent Egypt from taking such a position."

"Egypt remains part of the Arab defence system and is committed to the unified defence charter," he said, referring to the 1954 pact that requires the 21-member Arab League to jointly confront any foreign attack.

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Egypt that the other was violating the letter and spirit of the Camp David accords.

Egypt recalled its ambassador from Tel Aviv in protest against Israel's 1982 invasion of Lebanon and has been pressing the Jewish state into recognising Palestinian rights for self-determination.

Role

It has also been critical of Israel's methods in trying to quell the 11-month-old Palestinian uprising in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Al Baz said Egypt's military role "surpassed the defence of direct Egyptian interests" and extended into helping "any Arab country."

Tamils ambush bus killing 27 Sinhalese

COLOMBO, Nov 14, (AP): Tamil separatists ambushed a bus in northeastern Sri Lanka today, killing at least 27 people and injuring three others, authorities said.

About 15 Tamil rebels surrounded the state-run public bus and opened fire near Pinketiya, about 235 kilometres (146 miles) northeast of Colombo, police headquarters here said.

The victims, all of them Sinhalese, included several women and children, police said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

In Colombo, President Junius Jayewardene called a meeting of members of the powerful Buddhist clergy who have been calling for his resignation and the resignations of his senior cabinet colleagues.

Government sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said no agenda had been fixed for the meeting.

Searching

Police said the bus was carrying about 30 people from the port city of Trincomalee to Anuradhapura, a Sinhalese holy town about 90 kilometres (60 miles) to the west.

The attack occurred shortly after the bus left Trincomalee, according to a military spokesman in Colombo who cannot be identified under briefing rules.

The attackers fled, and soldiers were searching the area. It was the first massacre of civilians blamed on Tamil rebels since Oct 9, when 47 people were killed in an attack on the Sinhalese village of Ulukulama, also in the Trincomalee area.

The latest attack came just six days before provincial council elections are scheduled. The selection of the council would be

the first tangible result of a decision to merge Northern and Eastern provinces into a single administrative district.

A single provincial council for both Northern and Eastern provinces is a key provision of an Indian-sponsored peace accord designed to end the Tamil insurrection that has claimed more than 8,500 lives in the past five years.

Backlash

The accord has prompted a violent backlash inside the majority Sinhalese community, where the radical People's Liberation Front has vowed to overthrow the government, claiming it makes too many concessions to Tamils.

The Sri Lankan Army, recently armed with broad new powers to combat the Sinhalese threat, went on television today to warn it would crush any group trying to bring down Jayewardene and his government.

The government has blamed the People's Liberation Front and its military wing for the deaths of at least 550 people, mostly Sinhalese government officials and supporters, since July 29, 1987, when the peace accord for the Tamils was announced.

Orders

"By terrorizing Sinhalese people, forcing them to close schools, shops, banks, passenger services and disrupting essential services, the Patriotic Front are a threat to the people and government of Sri Lanka," the Army statement said.

Last Wednesday, the Army was given orders to shoot on sight at any anti-government demonstrators.

PLO drafting new strategy

ALGIERS, Nov 14, (Agencies): The Palestine National Council's political committee worked intensively behind closed doors today to draft a sensitive document outlining a new PLO strategy primarily aimed at depriving the United States pretext for not dealing with the guerrilla movement.

After agreeing in principle to endorse the controversial UN Security Council Resolution 242, implicitly recognising Israel, the committee was debating the wording of a new commitment to distance the PLO from terrorism, conference sources said.

Speaking on condition of anonymity, the sources who are on the drafting committee, said they did not expect any differences over that draft, but would not elaborate.

Renunciation

Both the renunciation of violence outside Israeli-occupied territories and the recognition of the Jewish state have been Washington's main preconditions for allowing the PLO a role in a Middle East peace process.

Conference sources said PLO chairman Yasser Arafat has secured the support of 80 to 85 per cent of the council's members of his drive toward moderation and recognition of Israel.

The radicals, however, led by George Habash's Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, have said they would "express reservations" on the endorsement of 242, but will "bow to the rule of the majority."

Arafat had hoped for a consensus, fearing a new split in PLO

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Parties in desperate bid to woo voters

Election campaign ends in Pakistan

LAHORE, Nov 14, (Agencies): Opponents of Benazir Bhutto launched a last onslaught on her fitness to govern today as the campaign for Pakistan's elections drew to a close.

The 35-year-old opposition leader told reporters before setting out on a last fling at the hustings in the north-west that her Pakistan People's Party (PPP) was confident of victory but not a landslide in Wednesday's poll.

Punjab Chief Minister Nawaz Sharif, one of Benazir's main rivals, was equally confident as he set off for his Islamic Democratic Alliance's final rally in Lahore. "It's going very well," he told reporters.

Posters

Alliance activists distributed leaflets and posters along the route showing an old photograph of Benazir's mother Nusrat dancing with former US President Gerald Ford.

Western-style cheek-to-cheek dancing is considered unacceptable to the vast majority of Pakistan's 104 million people.

"It is forbidden for a woman to touch a man in public," shopkeeper Talat Bilal told a reporter. "She behaves like that, yet calls herself the mother of the nation."

A flight plane showered more leaflets onto the crowds, who waved the alliance's nine-star green flag and portraits of Sharif. Loudspeaker vans passed up and down playing an anti-Benazir song describing the PPP manifesto as an "obscenity."

"Young girl stop playing games," went the song which attacks Benazir, her brother Murtaza who the government says hijacked a plane in 1981, and her father, executed Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto.

Alliance leaders have denounced Bhutto's rule as a time of repression and thuggish mob



Benazir addresses a rally in Lahore. (Reuters wirephoto)

rule verging on fascism.

"We want the rule of gentleness, not vandalism," alliance official Kaum Sadet remarked as he waited for Sharif's procession.

Reserved

The crowds were smaller and more reserved than the cheering throngs which greeted Benazir on her tour through Lahore last night.

Benazir, seeking to become the first woman to govern a Muslim country in the modern era, has made the legacy of her father's 1971-1977 rule the main rallying cry of her campaign.

Chanting crowds, sometimes more than 100,000-strong, have waved his portrait and cheered themselves hoarse at every mention of his name in Benazir's last

campaign sweep through Punjab province.

Benazir told thousands of cheering supporters in Peshawar, capital of North-West Frontier Province, that she wanted to make Pakistan "strong, united and safe."

Benazir, showing signs of fatigue after her hectic campaign schedule, told a crowd of about 50,000 that only her PPP could claim roots in all four of Pakistan's provinces.

She later told reporters in Karachi the 11 years of Zia's rule had been a period of servitude and violence.

"Now people want freedom — freedom from poverty, freedom from unemployment and

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Israel tries to choke off unrest

TEL AVIV, Nov 14, (Reuters): Israeli troops clamped down on the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip today to stop demonstrations of support for a Palestinian state.

The Army said it had arrested members of 19 "gangs" over several weeks, a disclosure apparently aimed at demoralising Palestinians on the eve of an expected declaration of independence by the Palestine National Council (PNC), meeting in Algiers.

The gangs were accused of attacks on Jews and on Arabs denounced as collaborating with Israel.

Arrests

Military sources said 16 underground groups were uncovered in the West Bank and three in Israeli-annexed East Jerusalem, including one suspected of trying to blow up the apartment of right-wing Israeli Minister Ariel Sharon in the old city.

Troop reinforcements, mass arrests, curfews, travel curbs and the cutting of many telephones, combined with psychological pressure, have largely succeeded

in choking off unrest since the PLO's parliament-in-exile opened on Saturday.

But Palestinians forecast an explosion of rejoicing and demonstrations when a state is proclaimed on Tuesday.

Israeli troops shot and wounded at least two Palestinians today in the West Bank city of Nablus, hospital officials said, but the occupied territories were reported generally quiet. Telephones in Nablus have been cut since last Friday.

Sluggish

The Gaza Strip, a teeming slum that is home to 650,000 Arabs, was eerily quiet as Israeli troops enforced a virtually round-the-clock curfew for the third successive day, photographers who visited the area under Army escort said.

"Gaza is like a ghost town yet inside every home pressure is mounting," one resident, who asked not to be identified, said by telephone.

Israel imposed the indefinite curfew last Friday night to preempt demonstrations support-

ing a Palestinian state.

The Army warned Gaza residents they could be jailed for up to five years or fined up to \$10,000 for raising Palestinian flags, shouting slogans or lighting fireworks to celebrate the independence declarations.

Troops have arrested hundreds of Palestinians in preventive raids in the West Bank and Gaza. An estimated 5,000 back-up troops have been deployed in each area, doubling the normal deployment, in a show of force to discourage protest.

Army leaflets distributed in the West Bank warned against demonstrating and said the PNC's decisions were worth no more than "ink on paper."

Some of the few Gaza residents whose telephones had not been cut said the situation was grim.

DAY BY DAY

WHEN a citizen complains about a government employee, things are generally turned around and more often than not, the complainant becomes the defendant.

This is because the official staff is able to defend themselves and make citizens their scapegoats.

It is thus difficult to complain about a public servant. Additionally, the citizen who does complain will face problems such as delays in processing his applications.

Occasionally, complaining citizens face bigger troubles, especially when the public servants fabricate stories about the citizen becoming angry or that he wanted illegal favours. The employees may even go to the extent of claiming that the citizen maligned the government.

Such a problem certainly has no solution — except to appeal to peoples' conscience. But, we will continue in our endeavours to search for answers.

Zahed Matar

Shamir will try to form unity government

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Nov 14, (Reuters): Outgoing Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir said today he would try to form a new national unity cabinet after President Chaim Herzog nominated him to form the country's next government.

Herzog appointed Shamir after religious parties which won the balance of power in general elections on Nov 1 threw their support behind his right-wing Likud Party, assuring him the 61 seats needed for a parliamentary majority.

Answer

Shamir told reporters he hoped Foreign Minister Shimon Peres' Labour Party, which ran a close second to Likud, would join another unity Cabinet to work for Arab-Israeli peace and ease religious divisions among Jews.

"I believe such a government

today can answer the problems of the nation," Shamir said.

Peres, who shared power with Shamir for four years in an uneasy coalition, made no immediate response. It was unclear whether his party would accept a subordinate role in a Likud-led government.

Herzog urged Shamir, 73, to swiftly form a government that would put to rest fears of religious intolerance voiced by thousands of Jews in Israel and abroad who had inundated his office with letters.

"The people of Israel are worried," Herzog told reporters with Shamir at his side.

Israel's secular majority and many of America's 5.5 million Jews, who form the largest Jewish community in the world, are angry over Likud promises to back stricter laws on Jewish observance in return for support from the religious parties.

INTERNATIONAL

Gulf peace talks

Iraqi delegation lacked authority, claims Iran

NICOSIA, Nov 14, (Reuters): Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati said today Iraqi delegates lacked the goodwill or authority to resolve problems stalling Gulf peace talks.

Velayati, back in Tehran after 12 days of negotiations in Geneva in which the two countries signed a pact to exchange sick prisoners of war, said talks would resume in December or January at a date yet to be fixed.

The third round of UN-mediated talks ended on Friday with no movement on key demands by both Iran and Iraq. Tehran says troops must withdraw immediately behind international borders. Baghdad says the clearing of Shatt Al Arab river, its main outlet to the Gulf, must have priority.

Frustrated
"The Iraqi delegates participating in the talks are not sufficiently empowered by the Iraqi government to make any choices in their negotiations with the Iranians," Velayati was quoted by the Iranian news agency IRNA as saying.

"The limitations imposed on them have frustrated Iran's endeavours for implementing the UN Resolution 598... The Iraqi delegation does not have the necessary goodwill for solving the existing problems."

The Aug 20 ceasefire, described as fragile by UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar, is the only provision of Security Council Resolution 598 so far implemented.

The resolution also calls for withdrawal of troops behind international borders, exchange of all war prisoners, settlement of other outstanding issues and an inquiry into which side started the war in 1980.

The ceasefire has held, although both sides have accused the other of violating it and have frequently charged each other with war-mongering.

Iran's military commander, Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, said on Saturday that "no-war, no-peace" conditions could not last long. "Either we will reach peace or war might flare up again," he said.

Iraqi Information Minister Latif Al-Jasseri, quoted by Baghdad Radio, described Rafsanjani's remarks as "tangible proof of Iran's wicked intentions."

IRNA said Iran would issue tomorrow a list of 411 sick or disabled Iranian prisoners to be repatriated under the pact signed by Iran, Iraq and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC).

PLO drafting new...

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ranks. But Habash has declared that despite the differences, he will not walk out and will continue to work for Palestinian unity.

Arafat claimed today the United States extended recognition to his group 11 years ago and agreed to its participation in an international conference on Middle East peace.

"There is an American recognition of the PLO," Arafat said. "This recognition came in an Egyptian-American communique signed in 1977 by (then) Foreign Minister Ismail Fahmy of Egypt and Secretary of State Cyrus Vance."

Agreement
The communique, Arafat said, contained "America's agreement to a joint Arab delegation to the international conference and the PLO's inclusion

in this delegation, but at a low level."

"This is an explicit American recognition of the PLO," Arafat said.

In Washington, President Reagan said today he hoped the PLO had accepted a United Nations resolution implicitly recognising Israel's right to exist, saying "that would be some progress."

Problems
But Reagan said before there is a breakthrough in the Arab stance toward Israel, "there are other problems that remain to be solved."

The President did not specify what problems he had in mind as he responded cautiously to a reporter's question about PLO moves over the weekend in Algiers.

"Apparently there has been an indication they're willing to abide by 242," Reagan said.

Election campaign ends...

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freedom from fear," she said.

Most political analysts expect the election result to be close, especially with dozens of independents and smaller parties standing and the uncertainties of the first-past-the-post electoral system.

The main contest is for 199 Muslim seats in the 237-seat National Assembly (lower house). Another eight go to the

tribal areas in the North-West, 10 to non-Muslims, 20 are reserved for women chosen by the elected deputies.

Acting President Gbulam Ishaq Khan, who took over in August after military leader Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq died in a plane crash, will select the person he considers capable of winning the support of a majority of assembly members as prime minister.



The three fighters of the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine who were caught while trying to infiltrate into Israel from Lebanon. (Reuters wirephoto)

Western European Union welcomes Spain, Portugal

LONDON, Nov 14, (AP): Foreign and defence ministers of the seven-nation Western European Union met today to welcome Spain and Portugal as members in the first enlargement of the revived defence forum in 34 years.

The bi-annual meeting will also begin tackling details of a landmark platform on security adopted last year.

Diplomats and European Union officials see a new impetus for the informal group because of the shifting arms-control positions of the two superpowers — the United States and the Soviet Union. But they agree the union's destiny appears uncertain.

"Spain, like Portugal, is joining an organisation which is evolving — we don't know where it's going," said a top-ranking official from Britain, the country currently presiding over the group.

"It's had an odd history," he said, speaking on condition of

anonymity. "It's gone to sleep and risen again."

Still, Alfred Cohen, the body's Belgian secretary-general, stressed in an interview that "political will" for the group is growing.

Pressure
"We need to face positively the growing pressure on Europe to have possibly a bigger role, but certainly a bigger share of the risk and responsibilities (in defending it)," he said.

The Western European Union grew out of a 1948 treaty signed by France, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Britain and Belgium for defence co-operation, particularly against a remilitarized West Germany. Italy and West Germany joined in 1954.

Overshadowed by the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation, the union lay nearly dormant until four years ago when European nations began to explore more deeply the defence questions they faced in a joint

forum. In the European Economic Community, of which all European union countries are members, discussions on defence and security issues are taboo. The union also is the only forum where European foreign and defence ministers meet together.

Spain and Portugal, the youngest members of the EEC as well as the European union, negotiated for only six months to gain entry.

Britain at first opposed including the Spanish as long as Spain maintained its policy of refusing to allow nuclear arms in its territory. Nuclear deterrence is a major element in the defence strategies of both NATO and the European union.

Conflict
But the possible conflict was avoided when Spain accepted the union's belief in using a combination of nuclear and conventional arms to deter an invasion by the communist Warsaw Pact forces.

AIDS death
EAST BERLIN, Nov 14, (Reuters): A fourth East German has died after contracting AIDS, the news agency ADN said today.

Israelis capture guerrillas

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Nov 14, (Agencies): Four PLO guerrillas, trying to cross into Israel, were stopped in southern Lebanon, three by an Israeli Army patrol and the other when he stumbled into a UNIFIL position.

Soldiers with the UN Interim Forces in Lebanon overpowered a nervous, apparently intoxicated guerrilla yesterday after he shot and killed a Lebanese interpreter involved in negotiations to end a 19-hour standoff at the UNIFIL post.

Wounded
Less than six hours before the ordeal ended, an Israeli Army patrol — some four miles (six kms) southeast of the UNIFIL position — captured three guerrillas attempting to cross into Israel from southern Lebanon to carry out an attack in the Jewish state, the Israeli military said.

The heavily armed guerrillas, who were wounded during the confrontation with the Israelis, said they were members of Naif Hawatme's Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine.

Failed
A statement by DFLP said three guerrillas were captured by the Israeli Army as they headed for the northern border town of Kiryat Shmonah on a hostage-taking raid on Saturday night. It said the failed attempt was timed to coincide with the Algiers meeting of the PLO's legislative wing to proclaim the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip an independent Palestinian state.

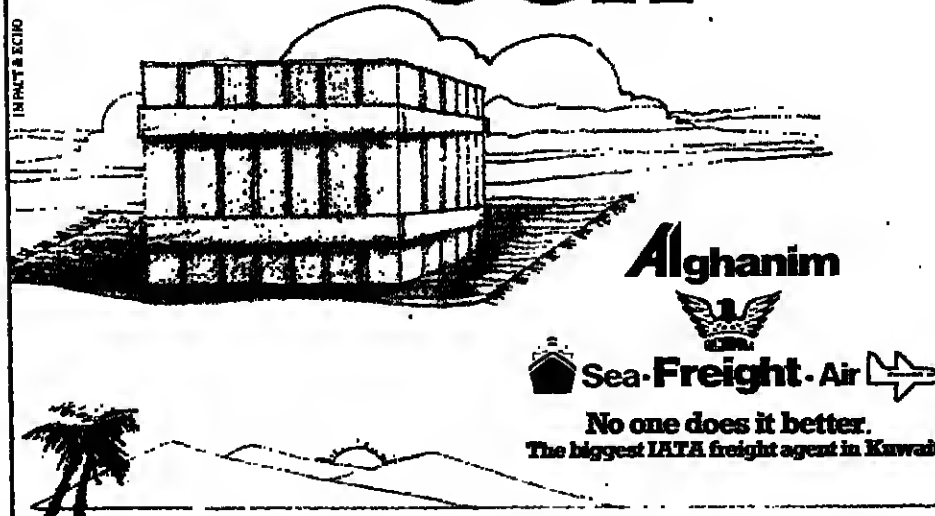
Hunger protest

WARSAW, Nov 14, (Reuters): A hunger protest against police who used force to break up an unofficial independence day march went into its third day in the southern Polish city of Katowice today, but the number of protesters halved to about 45. Opposition sources said local Bishop Janusz Zimniak had offered to mediate between the authorities and the protesters, who were occupying a church building and calling for punishment of police who drove vans into a crowd of 2,000 marchers on Friday.

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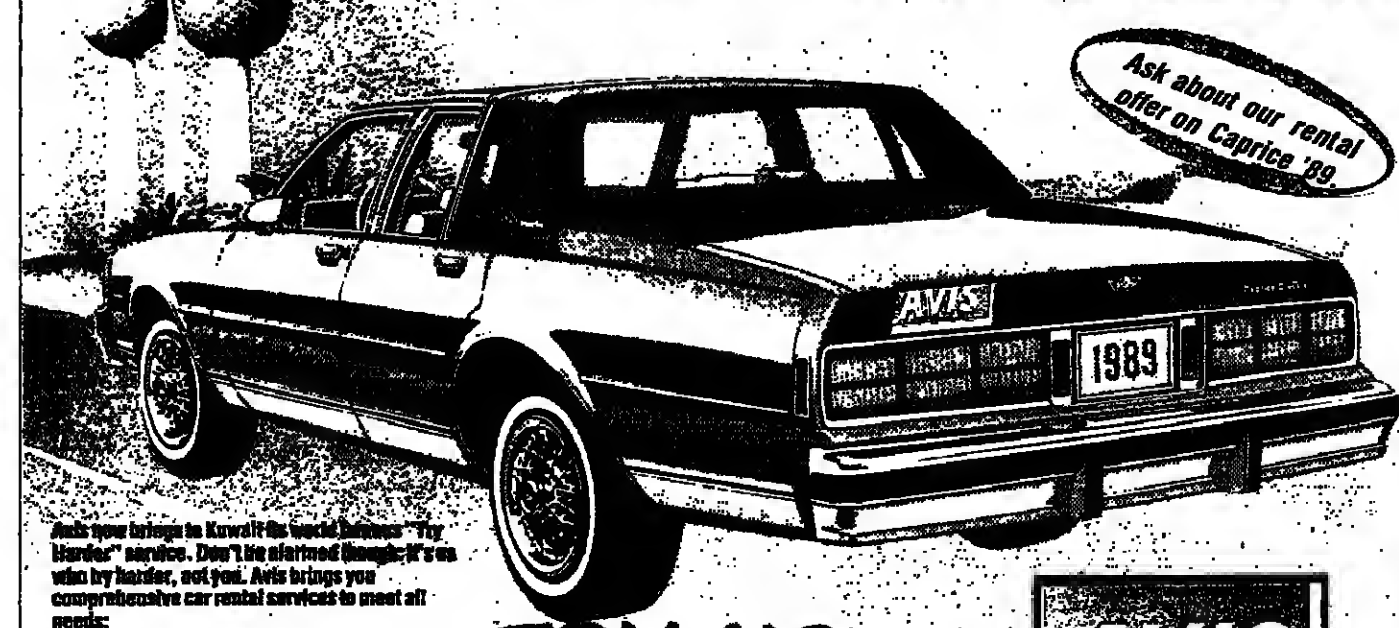
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INTERNATIONAL

Bush, Quayle related to each other, says expert

STON, Nov 14, (AP): President-elect George Bush and Vice President-elect Dan Quayle may be more than just running mates. A genealogist who specialises in the lineage of presidents says Bush and Quayle are distant cousins.

He also is related to Abraham Lincoln, and perhaps to movie star Marilyn Monroe, said Gary Boyd Roberts, a genealogist at the New England Historic Genealogical Society in Boston.

Roberts has spent almost a decade researching Bush's ancestry, which will be included in his upcoming book on presidential lineage, timed to coincide with the 200th anniversary of George Washington's inauguration April 30.

Roberts is director of publications at the Genealogical Society, the nation's oldest, according to Roberts, Bush is distantly related to 10 American presidents, including Franklin Pierce, the nearest relation (5th cousins four times removed); Lincoln; Ulysses S. Grant; Rutherford B. Hayes; Grover Cleveland; William Howard Taft; Calvin Coolidge; Franklin Roosevelt; Richard Nixon; and Gerald Ford, the most distant relation (11th cousins once removed).

Royalty

Bush also is descended from British royalty going as far back as King Henry I, the son of William the Conqueror, said Roberts.

Quayle "almost certainly" has some royal ancestry but Roberts has not thoroughly researched his family tree.

Bush's and Quayle's common ancestor was James Hamlin, who died in Barnstable in 1690.

Roberts discovered one of both Bush's and Quayle's more celebrated relatives — Marilyn Monroe — through another genealogist affiliated with the Society, Richard Brennenman. Brennenman has documentation to show that Bush and Quayle share a common ancestor with Monroe's supposed father, Charles Stanley Gifford.



A blood-covered Canadian stands with protesters outside a Liberal rally after he was ejected for heckling Liberal leader John Turner. (Reuter radiophoto)

Canadian elections too close to call: polls

OTTAWA, Nov 14, (Reuter): With polls showing the race too close to call, Canada's party leaders headed into the final week of an election campaign trading barbs and turning up the rhetoric of the acrimonious issue of free trade with the United States.

An opinion poll released at the weekend showed the Conservatives and Liberals in a dead heat for the Nov 21 ballot, each backed by 39 per cent of decided voters.

The left-wing New Democrats, who could hold the balance of power if neither of the main parties wins a majority in parliament, were last with 20 per cent support, according to the poll broadcast by the CTV network.

Conservative Prime Minister Brian Mulroney, fighting for a majority government to ensure passage of a trade deal already signed by President Reagan, accused Liberal leader John Turner of misleading Canadians over the issue.

"Time is running out for Mr. Turner when will he be telling Canadians whether or not he has any plan at all that ensures for

White Australia policy remains dead and buried: Hawke

CANBERRA, Australia, Nov 14, (AP): Prime Minister Bob Hawke today lashed out at critics who want lower levels of Asian immigration to Australia.

Hawke said a reduction could cost the country \$300 million a year in lost business.

Hawke, addressing a conference on Asia organised by the Asia Society and Australian Institute of International Affairs, said, "the so-called immigration debate has done more damage to Australia's image and influence in Asia than any single event in recent time."

"We can't afford to lose the exporting and manufacturing expertise brought into the country by business migrants from Asia, or their knowledge of the Asian market," Hawke said.

He said the government is "determined that the old white Australia policy remains dead and buried, and that selection procedures (for immigrants) remain utterly free of discrimination on the basis of race."

The opposition Liberal Party has called for controls on Asian immigration but Hawke has rejected such controls as being racist and said further debate could hurt Australia's economic relations with southeast Asia.

Raged

The issue of levels of Asian immigration has raged for the past six months. Asian immigrants comprise about five per cent of Australia's 16 million population.

"Some people in our country believe that we can selectively participate in the economic and political life of the region, while excluding regional realities and links which might threaten their view of Australia as a white outpost of Europe," Hawke said.

"My government emphatically rejects that view," he said.

He said applications from potential business immigrants, who must bring funds to start business, have fallen by up to 30 per cent.

Heroin seized

DUESSELDORF, West Germany, Nov 14, (Reuter): West German police seized 25 kg (55 pounds) of heroin at the Dutch border and arrested two couriers who were trying to smuggle it into the Netherlands, customs authorities said today.

Minorities will have a bigger say in running country

Sudan peace accord ready

KHARTOUM, Nov 14, (Reuter): The official Sudan News Agency (SUNA) said a top politician and rebel leader John Garang were expected to sign a peace agreement today to end Sudan's five-year-old civil war.

SUNA said Garang, head of the Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA), and Mohammed Osman Al Mirghani, leader of the co-ruling Democratic Unionist Party (DUP), were due to hold a news conference in Addis Ababa to give details of the accord.

The two men held a first round of talks in the neighbouring Ethiopian capital yesterday.

Hampered

They were meeting again today before holding the news conference, SUNA said in a report from Addis Ababa. It quoted the men as saying they were optimistic and satisfied with the talks so far.

The SPLA has been fighting in South Sudan since 1983 to try to end what its leadership sees as the rule of a Muslim minority in the North.

Thousands of people, hit by five years of war, are starving in the South and last week a mem-

ber of the five-man collective presidency said more than two million Sudanese had moved to the North.

Fighting has hampered attempts by relief agencies to get food to the starving, and many have died. Aircraft flying food into the besieged southern town of Juba came under attack.

Khartoum press reports said the agreement provided for a ceasefire, the lifting of a state of emergency in force since 1985 and a freeze of new Islamic sharia law legislation until after a proposed national constitutional conference.

The conference is expected to draft a new constitution which would provide for a fair distribution of national wealth and give Sudan's ethnic and religious minorities a bigger say in the running of the country.

Blessing

Any agreement between the SPLA and the DUP would have to be submitted to the coalition government of Prime Minister Sadeq Al Mahdi, who has given his blessing to the peace initiative, despite a cabinet decision last month to end all contacts with the rebels.

If approved, it would go to Parliament.

The DUP is the second biggest partner in the coalition after Mahdi's Umma Party. The third main partner in the five-month-old government is the militant National Islamic Front (NIF) which opposes the DUP's negotiations with the SPLA.

Arab diplomats said the accord was likely to cause serious divisions in Al Mahdi's coalition government, already beset by economic crises, protracted industrial disputes and street protests.

Surprised

"I cannot speculate on the sincerity of the DUP in its search for peace. But I know that scoring points against other parties is the hallmark of the current democracy in Sudan's politics," said one Arab diplomat.

In Nairobi, an SPLA official said he was surprised at the SUNA announcement as he had expected a final communique but not a full-scale peace accord.

"It comes as rather a surprise," said Richard Mula, head of the SPLA's relief wing, the southern Sudan relief association.



Former Japanese premier Miki dies

TOKYO, Nov 14, (Reuter): Former Japanese Prime Minister Takeo Miki, known as "Mr Clean" because of his pledge to end big-money politics, died in Tokyo today at the age of 81.

Miki, who held office from 1974 to 1976, died of heart failure after having been in hospital for the past two years, his doctor said.

He was one of the longest-serving parliamentarians in Japan's history, and held a number of ministerial posts, including that of foreign minister, as well as being prime minister.

Miki took office after Prime Minister Kakuei Tanaka was forced to resign over financial irregularities. He relinquished the post in 1976 as the Lockheed bribery scandal engulfed the ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP).

Surprise

Miki's selection as the ruling party leader, and therefore as Prime Minister, came as a surprise to almost everyone, including himself.

Miki had resigned as deputy prime minister in July that year after accusing Tanaka of using vast sums of corporate money for his own political ends. The major LDP factions failed to agree on a successor and chose him as a compromise.

After a scandal over payoffs by the Lockheed aircraft company was uncovered in the US Congress in February, 1976, Miki pushed for details of Japanese involvement to be fully revealed.

70 rebels killed, claims Kabul

Afghan forces retake highway

ISLAMABAD, Nov 14, (Reuter): Afghan troops have retaken a vital highway linking Afghanistan with neighbouring Pakistan and killed about 70 rebels, the official Kabul Radio said.

Pakistan-based guerrilla sources confirmed that Soviet-backed Afghan forces had regained control of the 80-km Jalalabad-Torkham Highway using newly-supplied SS-1 missiles known in the West as Scuds, MIG-27 jet fighters and tanks.

Rebels captured the Afghan checkpoint at Torkham on the Pakistan border 11 days ago. They said they controlled most of the road and were rocketing Jalalabad, capital of Nangarhar province.

The recapture of the road was the first major success reported by Afghan authorities after a series of reverses in eastern Afghanistan following the withdrawal of Soviet troops.

The radio said 69 rebels were killed and 71 seriously wounded. Guerrillas said they had no estimate yet of casualties.

A local official of the ruling People's Democratic Party in Nangarhar province was killed on Saturday in hand-to-hand fighting with rebels, Kabul Radio said.

It identified the official as Gul Rehman, party secretary in Nangarhar's Shinwar district.

Government forces have vacated various eastern border garrisons in recent months in an apparent move to strengthen the defences of Afghanistan's main towns.

Attack

Hours after a senior Soviet official wound up a "solidarity" visit to Afghanistan, rebels launched a rocket attack on a Soviet helicopter installation, the Kabul airport and other targets in the capital, the Tass news

agency reported.

In a five-line dispatch, it said the attack occurred yesterday shortly after Soviet Communist Party central committee secretary Oleg Baklanov left Kabul.

The report, which gave no casualty figures said, "Afghan extremists launched two rocket attacks on Kabul today."

"Three missiles fell within the disposition of a Soviet helicopter regiment, seven exploded near the Kabul airport, and three hit an integrated home-building factory."

Diplomats noted it was unusual for Tass to specify an attack on a Soviet target and said the report was probably intended to underscore the continued fighting and support Moscow's decision last month to provide the Afghan Army with an undisclosed number of Scud-B surface-to-surface missiles.

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Yaqub Khan ends Iran visit

NICOSIA, Nov 14, (Reuter): Pakistan's Foreign Minister Sahabzada Yaqub Khan left Tehran today after discussing Afghanistan and other issues with Iranian officials during a three-day visit.

Iran and Pakistan have a total of some five million Afghan refugees between them and both back Afghan mujahedeen fighting the Soviet-backed Kabul government.

Yaqub Khan told Iran's military supreme Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani on Saturday that Pakistan would coordinate its moves for a settlement in Afghanistan with Tehran, IRNA said.

The agency quoted Iran's First Deputy Foreign Minister, Ali Mohammad Besharati, as saying the two sides had decided on efforts to bring closer the rival Afghan mujahedeen groupings in the two countries.

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Hungarians form first opposition group

BUDAPEST, Nov 14, (Reuter): Almost 1,000 Hungarians have launched a fledgling opposition group dedicated to Western-style democracy and withdrawal from the Warsaw Pact.

The Alliance of Free Democrats was formed at a meeting in Budapest yesterday three days after Justice Minister Kalman Kulcsar announced that a law going to parliament next month would give citizens the right to form political parties.

Underground publisher Ferenc Kocszeg, one of nine members of an elected steering committee, hailed the alliance's formation as an important step in Hungary's political development.

Parties

"It is really an opening that the forces of the democratic opposition, critical intellectuals and all those who take Hungary's democratic tradition seriously... should create one political organisation," he told a news conference.

Kocszeg said the alliance probably held the germs of three future parties in Western terms: a Liberal party, a Social Democratic party and a Green party.

The alliance's statement of principles said it regarded as examples the "three Hungarian revolutions of 1848, 1918 and 1956." Hungary's communist authorities regard the 1956 uprising as a "counter-revolution."

"To this day, the demand of 1848 for popular representation awaits realisation. To this day, the demand of 1918 for full political rights awaits realisation. To this day, the demand of 1956 for a multi-party system awaits realisation," it said.

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Rico Puno: a star overnight

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IN 1976 Filipino singer Rico J. Puno became an instant celebrity with his song "Love won't let me wait," which remained a best-seller for weeks. So swift was his rise to stardom, from unknown singer to prince of pop, that he didn't even realise he had succeeded. "It was a dream come true," he said.

He brought a dramatic change on the Filipino music scene by inventing Tagalog pop — adapting English pop with Tagalog lyrics to suit Filipino tastes.

Rico is in Kuwait for a series of concerts this week. "I just couldn't believe it when people asked my autograph," he recalls.

He came from a middle class family. "We didn't have a car and commuted to and from school; I wore normal clothes — no trappings, jewels etc. that are associated with show business," he said.

Changes
Success took him by surprise and he had trouble adjusting to the changes. But he lapped up success, becoming the first local artist to perform at the Philippines Cultural Centre in Manila, a fact that he never fails to point out.

"I performed with the Manila Symphony Orchestra, I was

the first local artist to perform with them," he boasts.

He also performed at another prestigious centre — the Folk Arts Theatre.

"I was surprised and shocked, I could not accept the fact that I was making it big," he says. He welcomed all the attention. Later on, it became cumbersome.

"Now, my private life is not private anymore," he says.

"If I want to buy underwear I can't go out and buy them; that's why I'm not wearing socks," he quips, pointing to his feet. And he hursts out laughing. He laughs a lot. And his fans join him, even if the joke is on them.

"They say my success is phenomenal," he says with a trace of doubt in his voice.

He believes he didn't have the traits to "make it big." "In Manila, you have to be tall, handsome, fair to be an actor or a singer or a performer. I'm exactly the opposite."

"They didn't put my picture on the first album. I asked my manager, 'Why?' He said: 'Ask me after two weeks.'" Rico recalls. Between 25,000 and 50,000 albums of his first album were sold in two weeks.

Rico confronted his manager again and was told "Rico, if we

had your picture on the album, no one would have bought it," he recalls.

Today his fans don't care about his dark, dusky looks. Thousands buy his records — 17 albums in all — and all carry Rico's picture.

"Maybe I have sex-appeal," he says.

His heart lies with the man on the street. "I'm more comfortable talking to people who can tell me the ordinary stories what's happening to them; I enjoy talking to simple people," he says.

To him show business is a "world of make-believe." To keep up appearances, he wears a diamond studded "RICO" ring and gold chains — "trappings of show-biz" as he calls them.

"But when I am at home I wash the dishes, clean the car, clean the house. I do all my work myself. And that's the truth," he claims.

At 35, Rico has made seven films — with top actresses in the Philippines, and is called the "total entertainer" — musician-singer-actor-comedian.

He released "Time After Time" in London, and is working on another album, he gives concerts in the US, Far East and the Middle East —



Rico J. Puno: entertainer

wherever there is a concentration of Pinoys.

"The show goes on — sometime two, three or more," he says. He is constantly on the move — on and off stage.

Rico is his "dynamic best on stage," so the Filipino critics say. "I sing songs which people expect me to sing. I talk to them, go down to them, sometime I let them sing, I dance on stage, and give them what they want," he explains.

When he's on stage he is energised. "The more I dance the more energetic I become, my adrenalin level goes up," he says. When the show ends, he feels exhausted.

But he is never too tired to be with his family. Like a majority of Filipinos he wants to be a good family man. "I have just one wife," he moans. "Not really," he adds, laughing again. His home is his sanctuary. The stage is his business. — FA

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

MORNING

9.00 Holy Quran
9.10 Good Morning
9.15 Dabdoob Al Musiqar: Cartoon serial
9.45 World News via Satellite
10.00 Qulooob Baidah: Arabic serial. Starring: Anwar Ismael, Hala Sudqi, Ahmad Marae.
10.45 Good Morning
11.00 Dars Khussusi: daily Arabic serial. Starring: Suad Abdullah
12.00 News Summary
12.15 1987 Jerash Festival
1.00 News Summary
1.05 Holy Quran/Closedown

EVENING

4.00 Holy Quran
4.15 World News via Satellite
4.45 Ra'ad Al Amlaq: cartoons
5.15 Tum Tek and Children
5.30 Eureka
5.45 We and Our Friends
6.00 Islam Wal Insaan: historical serial. Starring: Omar Hariri, Zahrat Al Ula, Anwar Ismael, Hala



Loni Anderson appears in Easy Street, KTV 2 tonight.

Fakher
7.00 News Summary
7.20 Songs and Music
7.50 Agricultural Magazine
8.30 Good Evening
9.00 News in Arabic
9.55 Makaan Fi Al Qalb: Arabic serial. Starring: Iham Shahin, Mustafa Fahmi, Amina Rizk, Hassan Mustafa.
10.45 Qadaya Masriya: Focus on Theatre. Presented by Huda Al Mohitad
12.00 News Summary
12.05 World News Via

Satellite
12.30 Holy Quran/Closedown

KTV 2

6.00 Holy Quran
6.10 Dinosaurs: cartoons serial
6.30 Professor Poosaugle: Children's serial
7.00 Discoveries Underwater: "City Under Sea"
8.00 News in English
8.40 Five Mile Creek: "Gold Fever." Adam Scott is injured and arrested.
9.30 Easy Street: Starring: Loni Anderson.
10.00 Secrets and Mysteries: A look at psychology and the progress made in this field of science.
10.30 Yesterday's Dream: New series about Martin and his estranged wife, Diana.
11.30 News Summary
11.40 Magazine D'Actualite/ Holy Quran/Closedown

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Indian Contemporary Art Exhibition

OVER 100 contemporary paintings, representing the work of 30 Indian artists, will be on show from tomorrow at the Kuwait National Museum, daily from 8 am to 12 noon and 4 to 7 pm. The exhibition has been organised by Boushahri.

CINEMA

Cine Club Diwanly

NOV 16: Children of a Lesser God, featuring Oscar winner Marlee Matlin and William Hurt will be shown at 7 pm at the Cine Club, Beneid Al Qar, behind Indian Embassy.

British Council

NOV 16 (6pm), Nov 17 (10.30 am): Burton Moore, a children's film featuring the Spoon Family and their friends, will be shown at the British Council. Children of all nationalities are welcome. Free admission but it is advisable to reserve seats. Tel: 251-5512; 253-3204.

Agatha

NOV. 19/20 (6.30 pm): Agatha, a fictional solution to the real-life mystery of Agatha Christie's disappearance in 1926, will be shown at the British Council, Mansouriya. It stars Dustin Hoffman and Vanessa Redgrave. Admission is free but it is advisable to reserve seats. Tel: 251-5512/253-3204.

EXHIBITION

Alghanim — GM Motorshow UNTIL THURSDAY: 9.30 am-1 pm; 4-8 pm: A full range of 1989 GM cars will be displayed at the Tent, SAS Hotel. All are welcome.

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Swiss pianist gives recital

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Hisham Salim, Sabirin

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Farouk Fishawi, Kamal

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Piano and Violin Recital

NOV 23: Kuwait Hilton will present a piano and violin recital by Matthias Kellig and Tibor Kovacs. They will play compositions by Beethoven, Schubert and Brahms. Tickets available from Hilton lobby.

Rock the Night

NOV 23 (8 pm); Nov 24 (5 and 8 pm): Sounds Great's show at Salmiya Cinema with music by Seventh Sky. Performers include Def Leppard, Joan Jett, Europe, Gary Moore and others. For reservations contact: Ken Winston 5740256/7; Riad — 5386294.

Filipino Song Festival

NOV 25: The Kapisanang Pilipino sa Kuwait will stage their third annual song festival at the Trade Union Hall, Maidan Hawalli, at 4 pm. All Filipinos are welcome.

SOCIAL

Bangladesh Association

The Bangladesh Association, Kuwait, will publish a souvenir to mark "Victory Day" of Bangladesh. Bangladeshis are invited to submit articles to any office-bearer of the association before Nov 30. For details all Zakir — 4741876; Musaddaque — 2414191; Yousuf — 434555 ext. 2754.

German-Speaking Cultural Association

NOV 15: 8 pm. All members of the German speaking community and their guests are requested to attend a special evening on Tuesday, Nov 15, at 8 pm at Al Andalus Supper club, Holiday Inn Hotel. Tickets available at German Embassy, School, Library and the hotel.

Kuwait Welsh Society

NOV 23 (Wed): Kuwait Welsh Society will hold "Tramps Supper". For further details call 3713467.

Kuwait Caledonians

NOV 24: St Andrews Night Dinner will be held at Messiah Beach Hotel. Guests from Scotland will be Abie and John Carmichael. For details and reservations ring 5335082; 3727690 ext 253.

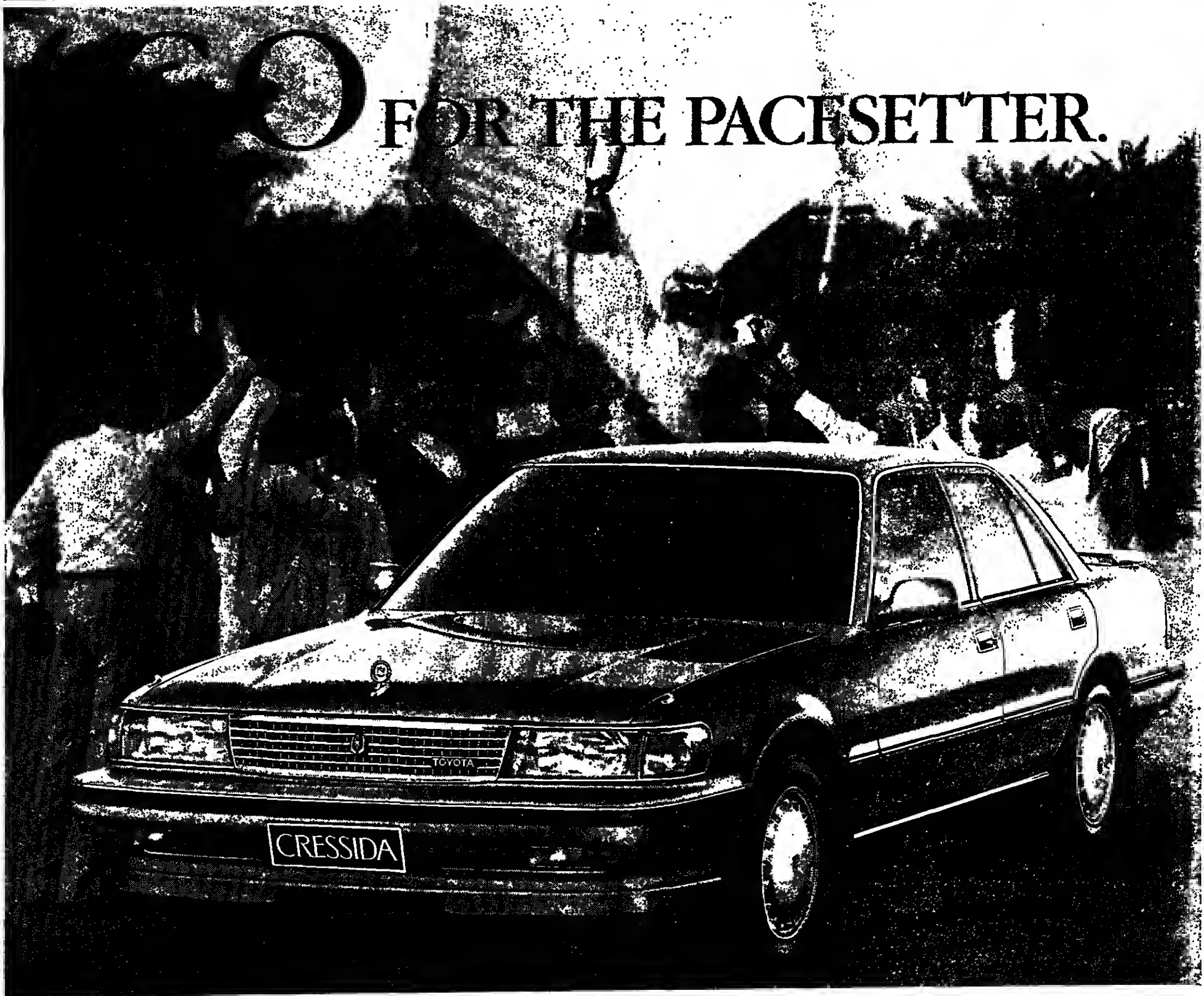
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OPINION

Inject life into the Stock Market

THE government's positive attitude towards the real estate sector in Kuwait in 1986 led to a decrease in supply and an increase in demand.

In 1986, the government decided to purchase its real estate needs for the next five years. The decision solved the problems of owners who could not build on areas which fell within government organisation plans.

Through such actions, the government offered property owners over KD600 million in the form of bonds that can be cashed at the Kuwaiti local banks. These measures increased the value of assets owned by real estate merchants and improved their financial positions, especially those who had mortgaged their property.

This scene in the real estate market was not reflected in the Stock Market. On the contrary, the Stock Market continued to feel the complexity of the Manakh debacle along with the consequent harmful laws and decisions.

We want to propose a practical solution. If the government seriously wants to inject life into the Stock Market, then what is needed is an operation room to be comprised of members from the Central Bank, the Ministry of Finance, the Stock Exchange Market and the Kuwaiti Chamber of Commerce. Some of the Chamber's representatives should be dealers.

This operation room should evaluate the prices of shares traded in the market now, then work out a price for them for the next five years. Consideration should be given so that the price is generous like the price of government real estate expropriation.

Additionally, the government should decide on an amount of aid equivalent to what it gave to the real estate market to be paid during the next five years to dealers interested in selling their shares or securities.

The present price of shares is very low. Should the government enter as a long term investor in the manner suggested, it will certainly make profit and improve the prices of shares.

By doing so, shareholders will improve their financial positions, which is important because many of them are indebted to the local banks.

As is the case now, such loans are guaranteed by the government, because the government according to the law is the guarantor of the local commercial banks.

The process is the same for the government. Any adverse effect will have to be borne by the government and progress will be harvested by the government.

What people want now is for equality between what the government provided to the real estate sector and what it should provide to the Stock Market.

Ahmed Al Jarallah

Ancient Afghan capital in ruins

By Kathy Gannon

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan. (AP) Evening campfires in the tents of nomads dance to a night of staccato gunfire from warring Muslim rebels and communist government soldiers on the desert plain outside Kandahar.

In the desert sunset, turbaned men oblivious to the shots face southwest toward the Muslim holy city of Makkah to begin their evening prayer. Shadows of women draped in voluminous layers of coloured cloth move on the tent.

The primitive tribes have for centuries camped near Kandahar's rural satellite village of Argandah. Now, sophisticated Soviet jets scream overhead.

Less than a mile (1.6 kms) from their camp, Muslim rebels called mujahideen blast away at government military posts with recoilless rifles, rocket-propelled grenade launchers and light and heavy machine guns.

The army's artillery is an even match but troops of the Kabul government have an advantage of firepower from the Soviet Union. Newly introduced MiG-27 ground-attack and fighters and "Backfire" bombers have blasted civilian and guerrilla targets since the beginning of November.

Outnumbered in Argandah, six miles (10 kms) from Kandahar, civilians outnumber rebels. Earlier this month, jets swept over the main bazaar, levelling a portion of it, killing nine people and injuring another 80.

A squat man with a grey beard said, "When I wake up in the morning until I go to sleep, I'm not sure about my life, that I will be alive five minutes from now because of the war."

The old man, wrapped in a blanket, said he lived in Kandahar, once the capital of all Afghanistan. Kandahar is about 500 kms (310 miles) southwest of Kabul and 100 miles (160 kms) from the border of Pakistan.

Through the fine dust that hangs in Kandahar, the pale blue dome of the Kalai Sharif

Mosque can be seen from a distance. The mosque, which embodies the Islamic tenets propelling mujahideen in their fight sits opposite the governor's home, a stronghold of the Soviet-backed communist government.

The Western entrance to the city is deserted except for soldiers and militiamen, tanks and trucks. Civilians are not seen except at the hazaar at Shah-eedun Chowk, a pillared monument with canon sentries, in honour of Afghans killed fighting the British more than a century ago.

Deserted

Yet, guerrillas may move just a few metres (yards) from entrances such as this one, usually under the cover of night.

Western journalists who go into the guerrilla-held areas around Kandahar do so without government authorisation.

Kandahar, known as the city of kings, is the birthplace of generations of Afghan royalty. The ornate tomb of Ahmad Shah Durrani, the grandfather of exiled Afghan King Zahir Shah, is a venerated site of monarchists who are in the majority around Kandahar, both among the mujahideen and civilians.

The rubble of blasted buildings chokes streets, forcing motorised rickshaws and horse drawn "tonga" carriages to steer an obstacle course through the bazaar.

Damage

Gul Lalai, a commander of the National Islamic Front of Afghanistan rebel group, said a bulk of the damage near the Herat gate on the Western edge of Kandahar occurred when fighter jets aiming at guerrilla positions in nearby suburb missed their mark. He spoke to the Associated Press at a guerrilla base.

Guerrillas have operated extensively in and around the city for years, shown by heavy tank fire damage to the mud homes and shops.

The main hazaar looks like a two-dimensional movie set. Behind the facades of shops are only mounds of rubble.

General elections after more than a decade

Pakistan makes another try at democracy

By Bryan Wilder

ISLAMABAD, (AP) Despite a war at its border and ethnic tension inside Pakistan, this Muslim nation of 107 million people will make its first try at democracy in more than a decade in general elections tomorrow.

More than 30 political parties are battling over 217 seats at stake in the National Assembly but the main contest is between the right-wing loyalists of late President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq and the grassroots opposition led by Benazir Bhutto.

Barred

Gen. Zia, chief of the Army, ousted socialist Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto in a 1977 coup and had him hanged two years later. His daughter, Benazir, has since inherited the Bhutto personality cult which fuels the massive Pakistan People's Party, or PPP.

Zia was killed in a mysterious Aug 17 plane crash which investigators say was caused by sabotage. The alleged perpetrators have not been publicly identified.

His death paved the way for

National Assembly elections and balloting for the four provincial legislatures on Nov 19.

Zia set the dates himself back in July under his own rules which barred candidates from running as anything but individuals.

But the presidency on Zia's death passed to the Senate chairman, Ghulam Ishaq Khan, a venerable 73-year-old technocrat and staunch advocate of the constitution.

He immediately promised free and fair elections, and called on the courts to decide how they should be run.

In a series of stunning decisions, justices ruled in favour of the PPP's petition to open the polls to all political parties and to drop controversial registration requirements.

The result is what could be the first democratic elections in Pakistan since the 1973 polls that swept the late Bhutto to power.

Bhutto was re-elected in 1977 but Zia nullified the results after the coup on the pretence that the voting was rigged.

Tomorrow's election is a battle of the legacies of the two dead rivals.

Benazir, 35, will fight for



Benazir Bhutto

power against a wobbly, nine-party Islamic Democratic Alliance, or IDA, topped by former Prime Minister Mohammad Khan Junejo's Pakistan Muslim League, or PML.

Dismissed

Junejo, 55, headed a civilian PML cabinet for three years after Zia lifted eight years of martial law in 1985. But Zia abruptly dismissed that government last May, accusing it of corruption, incompetence and of dragging its feet on Zia's pet programme of

making Islam the law of the land. Zia's action drove a wedge in the PML between Junejo loyalists and the Zia proteges that stayed on in a caretaker administration.

Junejo reluctantly abandoned a vigorous personal campaign in mid-October to heal the party rift in the face of what was emerging as a possible PPP rout.

He since has restricted his movements mainly to his home district of southern Sind province, but is still tipped as the alliance's top candidate for prime minister in the event of a right-wing victory.

Birth

Benazir's campaign only got rolling in late October because of the Sept 21 birth of her first child and a subsequent kidney infection.

But roll it did, by train through dozens of towns and cities of Sind and populous Punjab province where tens of thousands turned out at rail stations at all hours to catch a glimpse of the opposition leader.

The PPP is widely viewed as the biggest single party in Pakistan but there have been no reliable polls during the election cam-

aign to confirm this. Whichever group wins the most seats in the National Assembly has the first chance at forming a government.

Despite their differences, the battle between the PPP and the IDA has been more one of personalities and symbols than of issues.

Benazir has abandoned her father's disastrous economic policy of nationalizing industry and, like her conservative opponents, has pledged to continue close ties with the United States and support of Afghan anti-communist guerrillas.

Oppose

Both sides favour Pakistan's nuclear research programme for peaceful purposes, but oppose opening facilities to outside inspection unless archival India does the same.

Both sides also have paid lip service to Islamization but Benazir has criticized its potential harm to women's rights.

But where the PPP has figureheads in Benazir and her mother, Begum Nurat Bhutto, the IDA has only the Muslim League's Junejo and its Punjab leader Nawaz Sharif. Both men's power bases are mainly restricted to

their home provinces. The Bhuttos also enjoy broad support in Punjab and Sind but the leftist Awami (People's) National Party of Pushtun separatist leader Abdul Wali Khan is expected to win majorities in the sparse Baluchistan and North West Frontier Province.

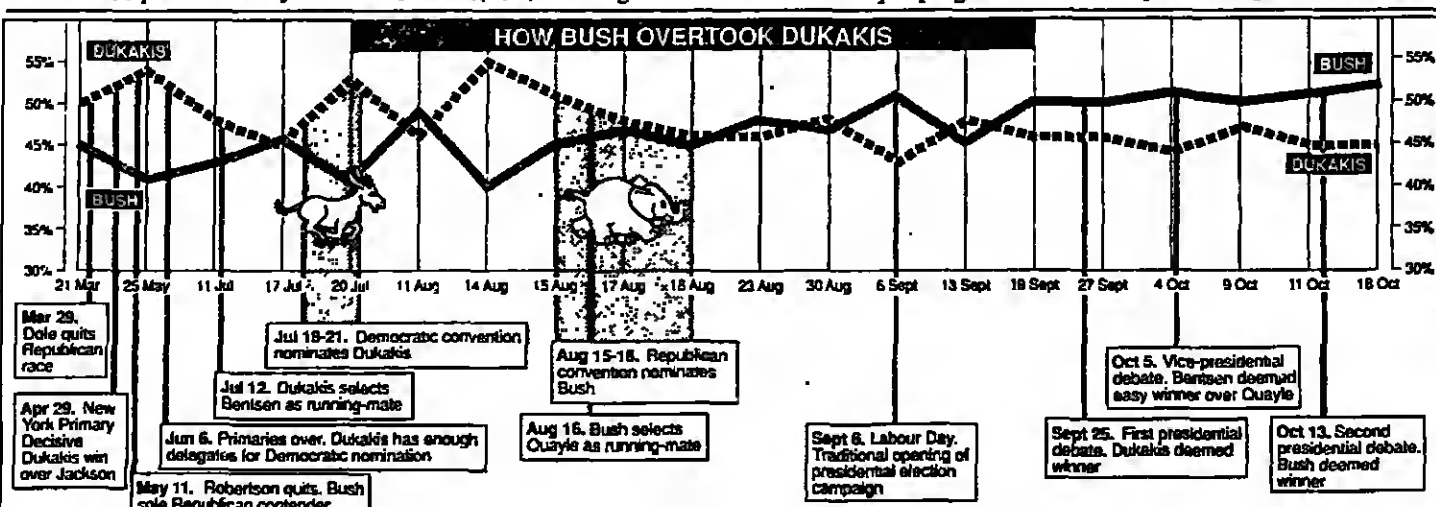
Illiterate

Pakistan's 48 million eligible voters, three-fourths of whom are illiterate, are to choose between symbols at the 33,300 polling booths around the country: an arrow for the PPP, a bicycle for the Zia loyalists and a lantern for the ANP.

Some 24 other symbols signify small splinter groups, local and religious parties.

Since an ethnic killing spree in late September that left 300 people dead in the southern cities of Hyderabad and Karachi, the election campaign has been free of political violence that has marred Pakistan politics in the past.

Nevertheless, authorities banned public rallies in potential trouble spots and officials said the Army will be poised to quell any unrest.



By William M. Welch

BOSTON, (AP) At the end, Michael Dukakis said he'd learned something in his failure: "One of the lessons of the campaign is you have to respond and you have to respond quickly."

Some who had campaigned for Dukakis groaned when they heard it. If this was the lesson, it was one they had learned long before and had tried repeatedly to tell Dukakis and his high command.

"That's the first lesson of ward (local) politics," said Michael Goldman, a Boston political consultant brought in late in the campaign as an adviser.

Dukakis was faulted all fall for his failure to respond to strong attacks on his record from Vice-President George Bush's campaign. In the last weeks of his campaign, he acknowledged that he had delayed too long.

His failure to respond was, most observers believe, a large reason he was unsuccessful. But it was not the full story of why the governor of Massachusetts failed as Democratic presidential nominee in the Nov 8 election.

Rather, it reflected a larger problem: a candidate and campaign that were aloof and parochial—and, many felt, arrogant. Dukakis and his campaign had underestimated their opponent. They resisted outside advice until it was too late. They failed to find a message and voice.

By Rolf Soderlind

BONN, (UPI) Philipp Jenninger gave the wrong speech on the wrong day to the wrong audience.

His insensitive invoking of the ugly ghosts of the Nazi past that still haunt Germans cost him his job on Friday as president of parliament and tarnished the commemoration of the 50th anniversary of Kristallnacht, when Hitler's Stormtroopers burned Jewish homes and synagogues in a prelude to the Holocaust.

The 519 members of parliament and the guests, including Jewish leaders, expected a speech that would crown a week of national atonement for Hitler's atrocities.

They got something else.

After spending three weeks doing library research, Jenninger told the stunned audience in a 40-minute speech on Thursday that Hitler had restored national pride for the Germans. The 56-year-old politician also expressed fascination over the dictator's triumphal road to power.

It sounded at times like a Nazi-era speech, not an address by a respected public figure who, 50 years later, was trying to reconcile himself with his country's gruesome past.

Stumbled

Jenninger stumbled when he failed to distance himself from the racist words he used to describe the events that led to the killing of 6 million Jews.

"Did the Jews not assume a role that was inappropriate for them?" Jenninger asked as infuriated deputies, some of

Dukakis faulted for running unresponsive campaign

until the race had been lost, and in fact had no effective strategy after winning the nomination.

"They squandered months delivering little more than bland bromides. And they failed utterly to recognize the devastating impact the other side's attacks were having, even as Dukakis' image was being undermined."

"They didn't know people," said Atlanta Mayor Andrew Young.

Young was referring to Dukakis' advisers and consultants. But interviews with those inside the campaign suggest the same might well be said of the candidate himself.

A number of top campaign staffers—including manager Susan Estrich, top strategist John Sasso, political aides Kirk O'Donnell and Jack Cornigan—are all named as finger-pointing goes on in a Democratic Party distraught at the failure. Estrich in particular is blamed by some in the party for allowing the campaign's summer aimlessness, and for her Harvard Law School approach to hot-button issues.

What stands out in memory from the long Dukakis campaign are missed opportunities by a team unprepared for the rough

and tumble of a general election campaign.

● Before the convention, beginning to feel the Republicans' needs, Dukakis responded with breathtaking naivete that Bush should "stop criticizing others."

● Dukakis let pass the opportunity to address defence and foreign policy matters in a substantive way early on, when he could have inoculated himself against coming attacks.

● Day after day through the summer and much of the fall, Dukakis virtually conceded the evening television news stories and the next day's newspaper stories to the other side.

Confined

Dukakis never seemed to adjust to his role as a national figure on a national stage. He and his campaign were consumed by what was in the Boston press, even in the campaign's final days—a reflection, it seemed, of his insulated and confined view.

Dukakis once remarked that no ads went out of his campaign without his personal approval. But his campaign was effectively paralysed, unable to mount a cogent television campaign.

Republican strategists made

no secret of their plans to try to damage Dukakis' record and reputation. In the spring and summer they even pointed to the prison-furlough and Pledge of Allegiance issues they would exploit. Yet when it came, the Dukakis campaign seemed ill prepared.

As Bush hammered Dukakis, some within the campaign grew angry at their own inability to respond. Even vice-presidential nominee Lloyd Bentsen complained.

"Everybody was frustrated by the unwillingness to deal with it," said one campaign official, insisting on anonymity.

As a result, campaign staffers out in the field sometimes worked around Dukakis and his campaign hierarchy. In some states they secretly printed and circulated tough ads and brochures that weren't approved by the headquarters in Boston—"a hootleg counter-slash," one official called it.

Dukakis and his top campaign officials in Boston didn't seem to understand the values and symbolism behind those issues Bush had chosen. Dukakis seemed to assume that the nation knew him as Massachusetts voters did.

By Brian Timms

CANBERRA, (Reuters) One politician is accused of being mad, another of being hyped up on steroids and a third of being as useful as a dead carcass.

It is question time in the Australian parliament again. In the course of democratic debate, the invective of Australia's legislators is reaching new levels of originality, even by their own traditionally forthright standards.

New life has been infused into question time in the House of Representatives, the lower house, where members are protected from slander suits by parliamentary privilege.

Shame of Hitler remains with West Germans



Philipp Jenninger

them crying, walked out. "Did they not perhaps deserve to be put in their place?"

It appeared that Jenninger was glorifying Hitler while calling the victims "Jewish subhumans."

Jenninger somehow became so engrossed with Germans' enthusiasm for Hitler five decades ago that he failed to realize the insensitivity of depicting that mood on such an occasion.

Jenninger also did not foresee how his words laid him open to accusations that he agreed with Hitler's anti-Semitic sentiments.

Mistake

Trying to explain later why things went wrong, Jenninger said: "I have probably been working too long and too intensely on the subject."

Though he resigned as parliament president, West Germany's agony in trying to deal with its past remains.

"He made the mistake of tel-

Meticulous planning gave Bush the victory

By Tom Rasm

WASHINGTON, (AP) Early on election day, sudden panic swept through the top echelon of the George Bush campaign as overnight tracking polls suggested a 3-10 point lead sustained for a week might be collapsing.

Suddenly Bush strategists began wringing their hands and seeing a new vulnerability that, as it turned out, wasn't really there.

The nervousness in the final hours might have been expected in a campaign that many political analysts now point to as a textbook example of state-of-the-art sophistication in political showmanship.

And, although former Sen. Barry Goldwater has scoffed at a campaign "run by Madison Avenue," Bush strategists point to these techniques as an important factor in the vice-president's Nov 8 victory over Michael Dukakis.

Polling

Some examples: ● Constant polling by Bush pollster Robert Teeter, involving no fewer than 1,000 calls each night, was used extensively to guide Bush's itinerary, enabling him to get the most political bang from each appearance.

● Careful early-on efforts to shore up support in the vice-president's base of support in the South and the Far West gave him the luxury of not having to spend time in these areas in the crucial closing days.

● Advanced facsimile and other communications equipment aboard Air Force Two enabled campaign chairman James A. Baker III to call the shots from his fully-staffed, well-equipped headquarters in Washington. Virtually no decisions were made on the road.

● All aspects of the campaign were co-ordinated in advance. Stump speeches were designed to look good on television. Themes were repeated for days, even weeks. Television advertising

huts were timed to back up the themes.

● Ads and various attack lines were auditioned first before bipartisan "focus groups" of human guinea pigs. Bush's repeated taunting of rival Michael Dukakis on the Pledge of Allegiance and on Massachusetts prison furloughs grew out of such sessions.

Panic

But such carefully laid plans didn't keep momentary panic from setting in as Bush aides watched the early—and unreliable—polling data that showed his edge over Dukakis may have slipped to 4 percent or less.

Bush recalled he was being bombarded by conflicting words from top aides, some telling him "these exit polls don't mean a thing" and others arguing, "but wait a second."

"The early count was this; the later count was something else. All of that adds to the nervous tension," the president-elect told reporters on his trip back to Washington on Wednesday from Houston.

Lee Atwater, Bush's campaign manager, says that the race was always much closer than polls of any given day might have suggested.

"The brutal fact that all Republicans are aware of is that there are more Democrats in the country than Republicans," Atwater said, meaning the victory of Bush or any other Republican presidential candidate depend upon Democratic votes.

Errors

Dukakis' team made several crucial errors. Atwater and other Bush strategists contend: failure to react quickly enough to Bush's attacks; a period of wallowing in late summer due to a misreading of public sentiment toward Republican vice-presidential candidate Dan Quayle; and developing their best shot, Dukakis' populist "I am on your side" theme, too late in the campaign for it to be effective.

Name-calling common in Australian Parliament

The opposition Liberal and National parties have launched a campaign to throw members of the Labor Party government out of the House by constant heckling.

Although not an original move, the reaction by some Labor members has been to take up time with long responses to questions from their own members.

Chaos has reigned, with acting speaker Leo McLeay making himself hoarse with repeated calls of "order" in vain efforts to curb the abuse.

Highlight of one recent question time was a response from Transport Minister Robert Brown, who said of an opponent: "The honourable member is a lunatic."

Speaker: "Order" Brown: "That fellow down there is mad."

Repeatedly asked to retract, Brown replied: "Can I say that he is certifiable? Unbalanced? I will withdraw that and just say he has a couple of kangaroos loose in the top paddock."

The opposition campaign is being led by health spokesman Wilson Tuckey, repeatedly rising to interject and telling Defence Minister Kim Beazley at one stage to "buzz off."

Seasoned reporters in the press gallery are generally agreed that so far Labor is ahead on points. Agriculture minister John Kerin said of Tuckey: "We

should blood test them. I think he is on steroids again."

Treasurer Paul Keating said of Liberal Party leader John Howard: "What we have is a dead carcass swinging in the breeze. But nobody will cut it down because there is no one to take its place."

Disruption during question time, the stated aim of which is to elicit information from the government, partly through impromptu queries, has severely curtailed responses.

Questions

This year there has been an average of 12 questions in the 50 minutes of question time, compared with an average of 19 in 1976.

Labour has been in power for the past five years, has a 22-seat overall majority and need not call a general election until mid-1990.

A concern for the government is that the rowdiness could harm its image with voters, who look with bemusement from the public gallery and tune in on the live National Radio broadcast.

Bruce Goodluck, a Liberal Party member who travelled from the island of Tasmania, 800 km (500 miles) from parliament, said:

"I am sick of mucking around, so let's get on with question time."

"Good on you, Bruce, I love you, and I love your smile too," responded Prime Minister Bob Hawke.

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Benazir prepares for a tryst with destiny

Memoirs of a dutiful daughter

By Tariq Ali

THE story so far is as follows. A feudal family in the Pakistani province of Sind — where landlords are brutal and peasants are serfs — decides to educate its male progeny.

Zulfikar Ali Bhutto is, as a consequence, sent to Berkeley and Oxford. It is the early Fifties.

He returns home a successful barrister and a brilliant mimic and raconteur. The wit, however, is often laced with savagery. The charm is genuine, but always seigniorial.

Bhutto had been the victim of an arranged family marriage to a cousin, but it was never really consummated. He later met a strikingly handsome Iranian woman in Karachi. They got married. Four children ensued, two girls and two boys. Benazir was the first-born.

Now it is very likely that if the country had developed peacefully the Bhuttos might have become a legal dynasty.

History, however, intervened in the round shape of general Ayub Khan, the country's first military dictator. This General disliked mullahs, enjoyed a drink or two and loved a well-organised shoot.

All these characteristics brought him close to the young lawyer. In 1958 Bhutto was offered a Cabinet post. He was then 35. He never looked back.

Uprising

In 1968 a student uprising challenged the dictatorship. Bhutto had been sacked by Ayub in 1966. He now emerged as the only political leader in West Pakistan who fully supported the students. He created the Pakistan People's Party.

The students, joined by the workers, toppled Ayub. A stop-gap military dictator organised new elections. Bhutto won in the West. Bengali nationalism triumphed in the eastern wing of the country. Civil war followed. Pakistan disintegrated. Bhutto became the ruler of the truncated

land.

Benazir Bhutto: a daughter of the East

On the eve of the Pakistani election, Benazir Bhutto publishes her autobiography in which she gives her version of her father's death. Tariq Ali reviews the book.



Benazir Bhutto: a daughter of the East

A large chunk of this autobiography is Benazir's posthumous tribute to her father. It is the story of Bhutto. It was not just the Bhutto family which was traumatised when Zia sent Bhutto to his death on April 4, 1979. The country was stunned. Its only elected Prime Minister had been judicially assassinated.

Moving

The most moving passages in this book are the descriptions of Bhutto's last days. The transition from an autocratic, albeit, democratically elected leader to the humiliated and tormented occupant of a tiny, windowless death-cell was total agony.

Yet this was Bhutto's finest hour. He refused to bow his head or plead for mercy. In his last appearance before the Supreme Court he was proud and defiant, but without any

illusions. He knew the Army and he realised that they could not let him live if they wanted to rule Pakistan.

His daughter relives the most painful period of her life in these pages as she recounts her conviction that her father was killed before he was officially hanged.

There is an undoubted ring of truth here and sections of this book deserve to be read by the official and unofficial apologists of the Zia dictatorship in London and Washington.

In the period that followed her father's death Benazir and her mother, Nusrat, became the symbols of resistance to the military dictatorship. Subjected to continuous periods in prison (often in harrowing conditions) and intermittent house arrest, both mother and daughter won the respect and sympathy of a majority of the country's population.

No one would have reproached them if they had retired to the family estate in Larkana. Instead they chose to fight back. A traumatised and brutalised nation could only admire them in silence, for public floggings and terrible tortures faced all those who remained active. Many did and suffered.

Gory

Benazir's two brothers were in Western Europe. Overcome by desperation and ill-served by the sycophants who surrounded them, they decided to launch an "armed struggle" to remove Zia. Kahul provided them with a temporary haven. The hijacking of a Pakistan airliner and the killing of a hostage was their only serious act. It resulted in the release of a few dozen political prisoners from

Zia's prisons, but internally the results were a disaster.

Benazir describes in gory detail, with the help of witnesses, the repression that followed. In her home province of Sind, in particular, the powers that be unleashed countless atrocities.

This book is essentially Benazir Bhutto's account of Pakistani politics over the last two decades. There are too many clichés, especially where understatement would have been better, but the book contains much of value. It is, as was to be expected, totally partisan. It is Zulfikar Ali Bhutto who is the hero of this tome, but the wars are simply ignored. Filial emotion have outweighed objectivity.

Bhutto was not a saint. He made many mistakes. He had many vices. These should have been acknowledged, if only indirectly. It would have made his far more effective. For the fact remains that Bhutto was killed not because of his vices but to wipe out the memory of his virtues.

He had enabled the poor of town and country to raise their eyes and stare back at the oppressors. That was enough for the traditional rulers of the country.

Benazir had lost her father. Her favourite brother had been poisoned to death in France. Her mother had been seriously ill. Her other brother was exiled from his native land. She decided, after many years of delay, to agree to an arranged marriage. Her defence of this institution in not totally convincing, but few will grudge her the chance to be happy.

Of course a new chapter could well be starting in her life and it remains to be seen whether Asif Zardari is contented with becoming the Pakistani Denis Thatcher.

Daughter of the East: An Autobiography, by Benazir Bhutto (Hamish Hamilton \$12.95)

Courtesy: The Guardian

Barbara Bush: a low-keyed future first lady

By Irwin Arief

WASHINGTON, (Reuters): Barbara Bush is a genial, down-to-earth woman who says she is more interested in running a household than in helping her husband run the country.

"I don't fool around with his office and he doesn't fool around with my household," the 63-year-old wife of president-elect George Bush is fond of saying.

Speculation on the political influence exerted by US president's wives has become popular sport in recent years with such powerful personalities as Nancy Reagan and Rosalyn Carter holding sway. But Mrs Bush, the mother of five and grandmother of 10, discourages such talk in her case.

"First of all, I'd hope to be the wife and mother I've always been," she said in written replies to questions earlier this year.

"I'd just be the same as I've been throughout George's varied career," at the White House, Congress, the United Nations, the Central Intelligence Agency and elsewhere.

The portrayal seems consistent with what friends say. "She'll speak her mind, but only to him. And she won't try to sway him, because of what he is," said Jack Steel, a Bush aide who has known the couple for 27 years.

All that is not to say that Barbara Bush is a timid soul without strong views or, on occasion, a tart tongue.

"Her fingernails will get a little sharp if she thinks people are not treating George right," says family friend George Strake.

The fierce protectiveness of her husband — a trait she shares with Nancy Reagan — has occasionally led Mrs Bush into controversy. The most



Barbara Bush: fiercely protective of her husband

notable example came during the 1984 Reagan-Bush re-election campaign when she described Geraldine Ferraro, the Democratic vice-presidential nominee, as a "four million dollar...I can't say it, but it rhymes with rich."

Friends say another sign of the independent streak in Mrs Bush is her preference for dressing simply in a town where fashion is equated with status and her refusal to dye her snow-white hair — despite quips it makes her look like her husband's mother.

"People say she's harming George because she won't dye her hair, but she's what she is — and she doesn't make any bones about it," says Strake, an oil man from the same Houston, Texas, circles in which the bushes once moved.

"She is a very down-to-earth, caring, tough but compassionate person."

Refuses

Mrs Bush refuses to discuss publicly her personal views on controversial topics such as abortion — an issue on which she differed in the past from her husband's strong opposition. She has said she owes him her silence out of loyalty.

That is precisely the tack taken by Bush as vice-president when he refused to disclose his advice to President Reagan on the secret sales of arms to Iran in 1985-86.

Mrs Bush, at 63, a year younger than her husband of 43 years, met the young George at

a Christmas party when she was 17 — they both came from wealthy families in the New York City vicinity — and says he swept her off her feet.

The adoration appears to be mutual although, unlike the Reagans, they seldom show their affection in public.

The vice-president, says marrying Barbara, whom he refers to as "Bar," was "the thing I did right."

She was born Barbara Pierce in Rye, New York, on June 8, 1925. Her father was Marvin Pierce, publisher of McCall's magazine.

She attended Smith College, among the most prestigious women's institutions in the United States, but dropped out during her sophomore year to marry Bush on January 6, 1945.

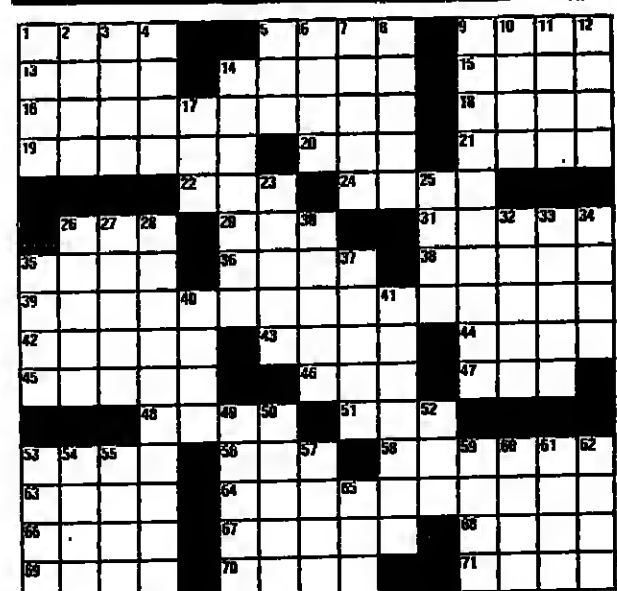
He was then a young combat-decorated naval aviator home on leave from World War II duty in the Pacific.

Though Barbara never got her undergraduate degree, she has since received honorary degrees from five colleges.

Since their marriage, Mrs Bush has set up a new household in 17 cities as her husband moved from being a Texas oilman to being a member of Congress, Republican Party leader, envoy to China and the United Nations and head of the Central Intelligence Agency.

"She is his greatest asset. She's a real trouper," said Steel. "Wherever the Bush family moved, she settled in, set up the household and made new friends."

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS
- Spoken exam
 - Mighty mite
 - Musical ending
 - Contentious item?
 - Family member
 - Burden
 - Not working
 - Boastful's state
 - Homework
 - Fox's friend
 - Othello or Iago
 - Time zone abbr.
 - Novgorod no
 - Vegas
 - Child's toy
 - Part of a song
 - Aida series
 - Yours and mine
 - Rub out
 - Without understanding
 - Get a touchdown
 - Observed
 - Cupid
 - Freccas
 - Composer Rorem
 - Nonsense!
 - Is in debt
 - Social
 - measure
 - Anonymous Richard
 - Excuses of a sort
 - of mouth
 - Catalog enclosure
 - Alaska city
 - Card game starters
 - Feminine suffix
 - Headliner
 - Shade trees
 - Footwear
- DOWN
- Greek coin
 - Scoundrel

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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HEMES ERLE ASIA
AVAST LEVIATHAN
NITTI HOE GHOST
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SHAMAN ADD REO
MUTINY SAME
AMANIYA BILEVEL
CIRRI CICERO
ISR MEA AZORES
ACCUSE GILA
CAINE OWN BOARD
IRONSJOES ELGAR
DUNE OLET TEASE
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GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
EAST'S TANGLED WEB

Both vulnerable. South deals.

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♦ K J 10 9 4
♥ K J
♣ 7 5

WEST
♠ 7
♦ 8 6 3 2
♥ 8 5
♣ A K Q 10 9 4 J 8 2

EAST
♠ K 9 6
♦ 7 5
♥ A 7 6 4 3
♣ A K Q 10 9 4 J 8 2

SOUTH
♠ A 8 5 3 2
♦ A Q
♥ Q 10 9 2
♣ 6 3

The bidding:

South West North East
1 ♠ 2 ♠ 3 ♠ Pass
3 ♦ Pass 4 ♠ Pass
Pass Pass

Opening lead: King of ♠

Deception need not be elaborate

to be successful. East's play on this hand is within the grasp of everyone—provided you can foresee the problem you will be posing for your opponents.

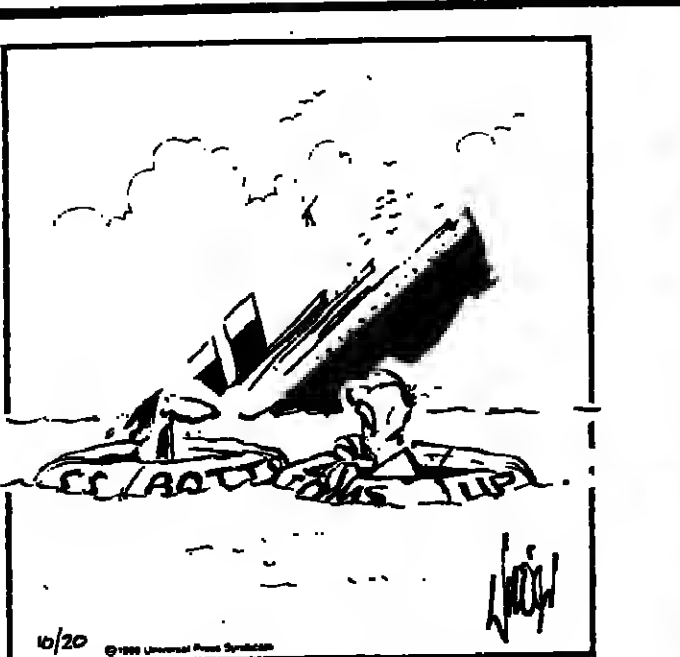
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suit. Assume you are East. Partner leads the king of clubs and you follow with the deuce. How do you hope to defeat the contract?

If you are looking for a way now, the boat has already sailed—you should have thought before playing to the first trick. Now partner will take two club tricks and then shift. Eventually you will get your ace of diamonds, but declarer will finesse you out of your trump king and make his contract.

See the difference if you start an echo on the first club by dropping the eight, and complete it with the deuce when partner continues the suit at trick two. Partner will surely lead a third club and declarer, fearing that you are out of the suit, will ruff with one of dummy's honors to prevent an upercut with the nine of spades.

Declarer might be a little surprised when you follow suit. He will be far more disconcerted when he finds that, by ruffing high, he has established your nine of trumps as the setting trick—all you have to do is cover with the king when declarer leads one of dummy's trump honors. Not what you would call a spectacular falsehood; just a simple little coup that is almost bound to succeed.



"My doctor told me to take a cruise and relax."

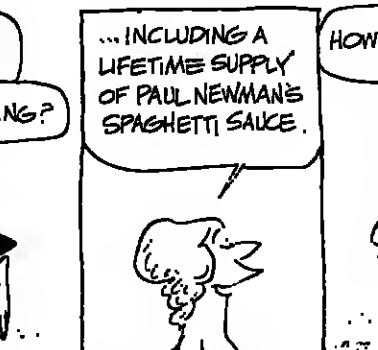
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YOUR STARS

Aries (March 20 - April 18)

The Moon's influence will help you to sort out a tricky personal problem. You should make sure you leave yourself with enough time to meet your commitments. Avoid eating more than you know you should. Be considerate.



Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

Make sure you do not say anything you do not really mean. You will have to take steps to avoid spending more than you can afford. You should not expect your children to be absolute paragons.



Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

You should keep your wits very much about you. You will have something to be really pleased about. Do make sure you take good care of your personal appearance. Be generous.



Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

You will find it easier to meet your commitments only you must not make any promises that would be hard to keep. An offer or proposal should be considered carefully. Avoid taking any undue risks just now. Be alert.



Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)

You are all too liable to allow your attention to wander so exercise great care. You should do your best to avoid getting into an argument. Keep your eyes and ears open and do not turn your back on changes. Be punctual.



Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)

You will tend to be rather too dreamy and should ensure you keep your eyes wide open. If you are invited do not stay too long. Make sure you do not drive when you have been drinking. Be sympathetic.



Libra (Sept 22 - Oct 22)

You will be better able to meet your commitments. You will have to allow compromise to prevail and not to permit your imagination to go rife. Concentrate on being constructive and positive. Be conciliatory.



Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)

You should appreciate that jealousy will get you nowhere. Nor should you try to outsmart others. Make sure your information is up to date and allow a certain margin for error. Be sensible.



Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)

You will have to keep your mind on whatever you are doing at the moment, no distractions. There is no point in trying to resist change instead you should accommodate yourself to it. Give your sense of humour a bit more practice.



Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 19

Avoid trying to swim against the stream. The situation you are in is rather complicated and you should do all you can to simplify it. Try to organise the time at your disposal a little better. Be resolute.



Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)

The Moon's better influence will help you to be more independent. You will be able to call upon inner resources. You will be more persuasive but only if you have right on your side. Be less jealous.



Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)

Nothing will seem to go quite right just now, but if you persevere all will be well in the end. Something you feared might happen will not. You should do all you can to avoid extravagance. Be moderate.



When starvation is an addiction...

By Christina Doyle

ANOREXIA, the thinner disease, and its binge and vomit cousin, bulimia, have spawned an extraordinary number of theories and therapists.

Doctors, psychiatrists, feminists, child development experts, social anthropologists and not least sex researchers have all pronounced and, to a large extent, have had little impact on halting the spread of these largely hidden starvation addictions.

Confusion is so great that "occasionally emaciated anorexics can die in the bosom of a caring family," says Marilyn Duker, herself a therapist and joint author with social psychologist Roger Slade of *Anorexia and Bulimia: How to Help* (Open University Press £8.95).

For five years Marilyn, who has four children of her own, has been advising and occasionally fostering sufferers from anorexia and bulimia.

She sets out, not to dismiss all the "awe-inspiring" theories, but rather to "weave a practical middle way through for those who must deal with anorexia and bulimias every day."

Not least, she and Slade call for much more emphasis on learning how to recognise the

early signs rather than letting sufferers slide towards the abyss where "they are losing three or four pounds a week, have bones sticking through their bottom and are approaching terminal starvation."

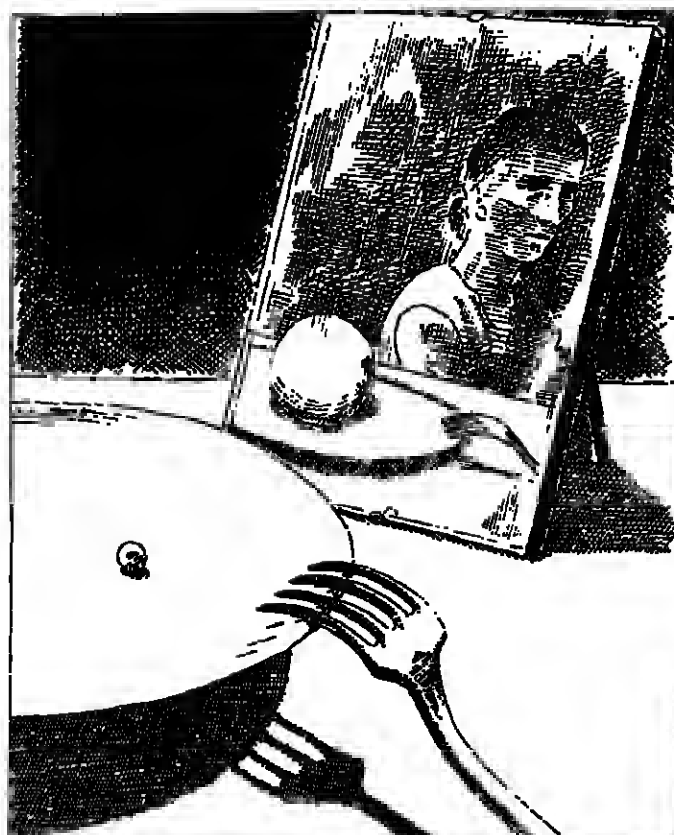
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Or where a tiny amount of food appears to be enormous and their own emaciated mirror reflections seem perversely fat.

At present, only some four anorexics in 10 make a full recovery within two to five years, and many remain chronically ill. If first suspicions are followed through, there is a chance of halting the disorder within the first year.

That there is an underlying trend towards hunger addiction in society is clear from tests revealing high "anorexic scores" by between five and 16 per cent of schoolgirls and college students.

Almost half the pupils in a British ballet school had high scores. This implies that some were already engaging in anorexic or bulimic behaviour while others were heavily dieting.

Complications of anorexia range from early osteoporosis, kidney problems and fluid retention, damaged fertility, slow heartbeat, lethargy and growth of body hair.



Bulimics, who abuse laxatives and diuretics as well as vomiting after meals, risk excessive and potentially lethal biochemical imbalances and heart problems.

Death rates range from a low of two per cent (a high death rate in what is basically a young and healthy population) to an estimate as high as 19 per cent.

As is very familiar from such television programmes as the influential documentary Cath-

erine, about a young woman who died after slumping to just over four stones, victims of eating disorders typically come from affluent, professional families and are very articulate, as the first-hand account on the right illustrates.

So why has there not been, as has been the case with alcoholics, a much wider range of both medical and paramedical agencies?

Marilyn Duker says: "While

hospital programmes often attract criticism, with some patients frightened by being compelled to feed, there is also criticism of therapists who insist that keeping track of the weight and bodily symptoms is peripheral to real therapy.

"We try to strike a new balance between the role of medical and other helpers. We insist that helpers ask for and respond to medical information."

Fixation

"It is no good concentrating on a childhood fixation and ignoring both the psychological and physiological effects of starvation. Equally those who are medically trained often do not have the human skills or the time to address the root of the problem."

Central to both anorexia and bulimia is that, for whatever reason, control over food has become the highest priority in life. Staying in control is regarded as "good" and lapses as disgusting and despicable, and, to the sufferer, further confirmation of his or her own belief that somehow they are inadequate or worthless.

The Duker and Slade book contains a range of practical assessments of "good" and "bad" medical strategies which may be followed by doctors, hospitals and not least helpers. A tough but also most sympathetic approach, it details how to take the appropriate medical steps at all stages in the illnesses, if necessary by recourse to the law.



Tests involving over 17,000 potential heart attack victims have led to the development of new treatment with aspirin and streptokinase. Here actor Peter Woodward, 32, who suffered a heart attack last year, undergoes tests at the Royal Society of Medicine in London.

Aspirin and streptokinase a life-saving combination

By John Webb

THE largest ever study of emergency treatment of heart attacks confirms that literally tens of thousands of lives could be saved each year by adoption of a simple treatment combining aspirin and the clot-dissolving drug, streptokinase.

The trial, officially known as the second international study of infarct survival or ISIS-2, was co-ordinated in Britain and involved 17,187 heart patients in 417 hospitals throughout Europe, North America and Australasia.

In a report to the "Lancet" medical journal, the co-ordinators say it has now been demonstrated conclusively that the simple treatments of aspirin

the risk of death, but when they are combined they halve the number of people who die in the first month or so after a heart attack, as well as substantially reducing the risks of early recurrence.

Professor Peter Sleight of the John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford, who was chairman of the ISIS collaborative group, commented: "These results will change medical practice worldwide. Widespread adoption by doctors of these simple treatments will save tens of thousands of lives each year."

The study suggests that streptokinase administered intravenously works by triggering the body's own clot-dissolving mechanism to restore blood flow, while aspirin probably produces its beneficial effects

by making certain blood cells less "sticky", so decreasing the likelihood of clots forming in blood vessels such as the coronary arteries.

Professor Sleight says the implication of the findings is that streptokinase is beneficial among many more types of patients than was previously thought. "So treatment can be used much more widely — and many more lives can be saved," he added.

Both streptokinase and aspirin are old drugs long out of patent in Europe. Aspirin does not require careful monitoring and the side-effects of the low dose used in this instance are minimal. This, together with its low cost, means it could be used to treat almost all heart attack patients, even in the countries with limited medical resources.

Aspirin spray — to fight flu

By Rob Stein

BOSTON (UPI) — A spray containing aspirin may offer an effective way to kill viruses that cause the flu, West German researchers say.

In a letter published recently in the New England Journal of Medicine, scientists at the Free University in Berlin said laboratory studies showed for the first time aspirin suppresses the growth of influenza viruses, which cause the flu.

"Aspirin is a very commonly known drug that has been used to fight influenza virus but not for the purpose of killing the virus. Aspirin kills the fever and kills the pain," said Richard Huang, a professor of biochemistry at the Free University in Berlin.

"We thought that aspirin might also have a direct effect on the virus growth itself. We tested it and found it did indeed have a very potent effect on the growth of the virus," Huang said in an interview.

Huang stressed much more

research is needed, but said his experiments "indicate" aspirin delivered directly to the virus may be an effective way of treating the flu.

Concentrations of aspirin attainable by taking it orally would not be high enough to have a significant effect on the virus, he said, but a spray to deliver aspirin directly into the respiratory system through the mouth may.

Huang also speculated long-term regular doses of aspirin taken orally may protect people against the flu.

"We're hopeful that long-term ingestion of aspirin at lower concentrations may be some kind of protective action may be achieved," Huang said.

In the experiments, the researchers grew two types of influenza virus in dog kidney cells, which are commonly used to study influenza viruses, Huang said.

When aspirin was added to the cells in varying concentrations, the researchers found the growth of the viruses were

clearly suppressed, Huang said.

"There is a reduction of virus production, depending on the concentration of aspirin," he said.

Dr John Lamontagne of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases said he was sceptical about the antiviral activity of aspirin.

Drugs often act much differently in the test tube than they do in a person, he said, and there is no evidence that aspirin has any effect on viruses even though it has been used for a long time.

"Aspirin is probably the most heavily used drug and has not been observed to have any strong beneficial effect," Lamontagne said.

Lamontagne also said aspirin administered as a spray would probably be irritating, and therefore very unpleasant to use.

"It's not a very pleasant kind of material. I don't know that one could do it with an aerosolized approach that they're talking about," he said.

'Magic bullet' hope for blood clots

adverse reactions to the drug, no negative side effects or complications to other organs," Alavi said.

Blood clots afflict about 3 million Americans each year. Most of the clots — known as venous thrombosis — form in the legs. But about 700,000 victims suffer from the more dangerous condition called pulmonary embolism, in which the clots are present in the lung.

Untreated, these patients risk a 30 per cent chance of death, said Alavi. With accurate and speedy detection, pulmonary embolism can be treated, and the fatality rate could be reduced to 10 per cent, he said.

The current problem is the lack of available methods of diagnosis that are not only accurate, but relatively harmless and painless, Alavi said at the 35th annual meeting of the Society of Nuclear Medicine.

"The techniques that are easy and safe to do are not as accurate as the methods that are more invasive."

The nuclear scanning alter-

native may be the answer, said Alavi. He compared the technique to the best current procedure in 33 patients and found that it was comparable in accuracy yet lacking in all the drawbacks.

Similar findings were reported by researchers from France and Belgium.

In the current X-ray technique, called contrast venography, a special drug that shows up on x-rays is injected into a vein in the patient's foot. X-rays then reveal the clot sites where the chemical has concentrated.

"Venography is very accurate, but it is an invasive, painful procedure with side effects," Alavi said. "The drug in itself can cause clots and damage other organs, such as the kidney. The procedure is difficult to perform and to interpret. Certain parts of the body, such as the pelvis or uterus, are not accessible to this technique."

Of 33 patients in the study, 31 had identical results using the venography and the scan.

In other presentations, Dr Patrick Peltier of the Institute National de la Sante in Nantes, France, reported the scan located blood clots in 90 per cent of 21 patients with deep venous thrombosis. Dr F. Bourgeois of the CHU Bracops of Nuclear Medicine in Brussels successfully used the technique to detect venous thrombosis or pulmonary embolism in 21 patients.

"The studies indicate this technique might be just what we've been looking for," Alavi said.

Sea coral: promising substitute for bone

By Soli Sussman

TORONTO (AP) — Plastic surgeons have found that sea coral can be an effective alternative to bone grafts, especially for facial operations, according to research presented at a convention in Toronto.

Dr Harvey Rosen, associate clinical professor of plastic surgery at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, said South Pacific coral is nearly ideal for replacing human bone in certain situations.

"You can't use it willy nilly," he said in an interview during the American Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons convention. "You have to use some surgical judgement in the site that you use it and the reason you use it."

The US Food and Drug Administration approved sea coral for plastic surgery use about 2-1/2 years ago.

The 46 coral recipients Rosen studied all had positive results 10 to 28 months following surgery. He said hundreds of patients elsewhere also have received coral grafts but no complete count is available.

Effective

"It has been very effective in terms of stable results with minimal complications," he said. "It's very well accepted by the body."

Rosen said doctors long have sought a substitute material to grafting bone taken from another part of the body, first trying without success to manufacture ceramics synthetically.

Certain kinds of sea coral are porous and very similar to human bone in structure and mineral content, he said.

Because coral isn't as strong as bone, Rosen said it cannot be used in areas where it must bear weight, such as in the legs.

But the body's natural bone usually grows into the coral's pores within four months, he said.

"The coral gets stronger as human tissue grows into it," Rosen said. "And for areas like the jaw, even a strength that's equal to 25 per cent of natural bone appears to be more than enough to serve our purpose."

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BUSINESS & FINANCE

Iran wants Soviets to speed up construction projects

NICOSIA, Cyprus, Nov 14, (AP): Iran has asked the Soviet Union for speedy resumption of work on joint construction projects halted by the 8-year Gulf war, the Islamic Republic News Agency (IRNA) reported today.

IRNA, monitored in Nicosia, said the request was made by Economic and Financial Affairs Minister Mohammad Iravani in talks with a visiting Soviet official, Oleg Bortyevnev, deputy chairman of the State Construction Committee.

Iravani said the Soviets should push ahead to complete a first-phase project to boost output at the Isfahan steel mill to 1.9 million tons annually.

He also called for completion of unfinished dam projects on the Aras, Atrak and Harirud rivers on the Iran-Soviet border as well as surface transportation projects, the agency said.

The Soviet Union pulled out hundreds of technicians working on the steel mill and two power projects after Iraq staged air raids against Isfahan in 1985. Other projects also came to a standstill because of strained relations between the two countries.

But ties improved last year with top officials exchanging visits to Moscow and Tehran.

South Korea announces tariff cuts

SEOUL, South Korea, Nov 14 (AP): Import tariff rates on 109 items, including cars and whiskey, will be cut by an average of 6.4 per cent, the Finance Ministry said today.

The cuts, scheduled to go into effect Nov 21 instead of the original date of Jan 1, will trim South Korea's bulging current account surplus and avoid trade friction with other countries while stabilising domestic prices, officials said.

Under the tariff cuts, import duties on cars, trucks and buses will go down from the present 30 per cent to 25 per cent and those on whiskeys will drop from the present 100 per cent to 70 per cent, the ministry officials said.

They said tariffs for air-conditioners, refrigerators, cameras, stockings, shirts and children's wear will be slashed by 10 percentage points to 20 per cent. Officials said tariffs on some pharmaceutical products, sugar, washing machines and eyeglasses will drop by 5 percentage points to 15 per cent.

Materials

Tariffs on raw materials such as rawhide, glass plate, cotton fabrics, synthetic fabrics, lubricants, aluminium ingots, steel plate and refined copper will be lowered by 2 to 10 percentage points, to 5 per cent to 10 per cent. Tariff on natural rubber will be reduced to 2 per cent, down 3 percentage points.

Partly in response to US and other foreign complaints, South Korea has been gradually lowering its tariff rates, which officials say now average 18.1 per cent and are expected to go down to an average 12.7 per cent next year and 7.9 per cent in 1993, similar to levels in major industrial countries.

Government and private economists predict South Korea's current account surplus is likely to reach a record \$13 billion this year, up from the previous record of \$9.8 billion last year.

Iraq to privatise more firms

BAGHDAD, Nov 14, (Reuters): Iraq will privatise more than 70 enterprises ranging from dairies to cement factories this month, a senior government economist said yesterday.

He told Reuters about 50 state-run businesses had already been sold or rented out on a long-term basis under President Saddam Hussein's drive to revive the private sector in the socialist state.

The economist, who declined to be named, said these firms included dairies, petrol stations, arms, foodstuff industries, clothing manufacturers and tourist and transport services.

A Trade Ministry official said the private sector imported goods worth \$340 million in the first 10 months of the year. The official, quoted by the Iraqi News Agency (INA), said more than 70,000 import licences were issued in that period.

The ruling Revolutionary Command Council decreed in May that Iraqis could import any type of goods provided no foreign currency was taken out of the country.

Government intervention is not the answer to stock market's problems: Khorafi

Call to improve performance of local firms

By Khaled Ahmed

THERE is no doubt that direct government intervention is not the answer to the stock market's problems, according to Mohammad Abdul Mohsen Al Khorafi, chairman of the Kuwait National Bank.

Government intervention made the state the biggest shareholder in most economic activities, he said.

The government's action during the Manakh crisis also consumed an important part of the government's reserves and did not prevent prices of shares from dropping, he said.

Turning to other economic issues, Al Khorafi said high prices in the real estate market are caused by the high rate of

returns on the investments.

Real estate investments are made by a larger number of people, even those not accustomed to dealing in the stock markets, he said.

Investors have little faith in the stock market in light of the October 1987 world stock markets crash, Al Khorafi said.

He also mentioned there are still obstacles in the way of implementing a rule allowing local companies to buy a maximum of 10 per cent of their shares traded in the stock market.

Commenting on another matter, Al Khorafi said the idea of establishing large investment companies in Kuwait is still a bit premature. All market indicators show that supply still exceeds

demand, he said.

The continuation of a stagnation in share trading is a direct result of the Manakh crash, he said.

Lull

The present lull in trading was interrupted by some bursts of activity, but the stagnation left many victims behind and investors are still being cautious. The low returns on investments in shares hasn't helped the situation, Al Khorafi said.

It is in the best interest of banks to see share prices go up, but investors must be given good reason to become confident about trading once more, he said. Improving the performance of local companies may be the best way to lay a solid foundation for a solid, positive development.

Meanwhile, Al Khorafi supported government plans to sell part of the state-owned shares to the private sector. It is a trend seen all over the world, he said.

If the private sector is encouraged to own Kuwaiti shares, its contribution to development plans will likely increase, he said.

Depth

However, Kuwait's economy is different from those in advanced countries, he said. The Kuwaiti market lacks the depth enjoyed by stock markets in the West.

For this solution plan to work, it must be well-programmed and controlled, he warned.

Conditions are favourable to reopen the loan market for foreigners as long as the move is

kept under strict supervision by the Central Bank, he said.

Discussing the economic effects of the end of the Iran-Iraq war, Al Khorafi said the end of the hostilities restored some confidence in the local market.

The ceasefire is also expected to increase oil revenues, increase the value of assets, improve companies' profits and boost transit trading to Kuwait.

Some of the Kuwaiti capital now abroad may return to Kuwait due to the end of the war, he said.

Kuwaiti banks will contribute to the reconstruction of both countries.

However, government guarantees should be provided on the loans and their repayments, he said.

Government wants to help rebuild Basra

India agrees to give \$50m in buyers credit to Iraq

By Fathima Ahmed

INDIA has signed an agreement with South Korea to work on joint ventures in Iraq, according to India's Minister of State for Commerce Priya Ranjan Dasgupta.

Dasgupta, who made a one-day stop in Kuwait after attending the Baghdad International Trade Fair, said the bilateral agreement with South Korea was signed two months ago in New Delhi.

India's major competitors in the region have been South Korea, China, Taiwan and Thailand.

The idea is to work jointly on "global tender" projects in Iraq, Dasgupta said.

Agreement

Dasgupta also said India has agreed to give \$50 million in buyers credit to Iraq and has signed a deferred payment agreement. India's current participation on Iraqi projects is about \$3,800 million.

However, the 1987 balance of trade was in Iraq's favour with oil exports and allied goods to India valued at \$400 million. India's sales of heavy machinery, agricultural equipment and tools

to Iraq were worth only \$25 million.

The "deferred payment agreement" was signed in September during the Indo-Iraq Joint Commission meeting.

The Indians hope to get a chunk of business in Iraq due to their past record. Indian companies worked during the war in Basra and other parts of Iraq. An Indian company has built and is managing the highest water-treatment plant in Iraq.

Capability

Dasgupta, who met with his Iraqi counterpart, said: "Iraq has agreed to give priority to Indian companies in future projects under consideration."

India wants to help rebuild Basra and do dredging to clear the Gulf and Shatt Al Arab waterway if and when the work starts.

"We have the capability to participate in Iraq's reconstruction efforts and do dredging work," he said. The chances of India getting the work depends on whether or Iraq offers a "bilateral agreement" or calls for global tender.

The Indians believe they stand a good chance of assisting in telecommunications, construction, railway and water-treat-



Priya Ranjan Dasgupta

ment projects as well as industrial projects involving the cement and tobacco industries.

The Telecommunications Company of India, Ltd, is expected to "get some work," Indian Tobacco has been invited to study the prospects of setting up a plant and IRCON is expected to be involved in major railway management plans. Expertise is to be given by India in setting up-

Sixty-four Indian companies are now working in Iraq. These include some prestigious com-

panies like Larson and Toubro, Somdutt Builders, Continental Constructions and Hindustan Constructions.

The Indian workforce in Iraq which was over 80,000 before the Iran-Iraq war has dwindled to a little over 10,000. Diplomats based in Baghdad expect an influx of Indian workers in Iraq over the next few years, raising their numbers to more than 50,000.

"We have the capability. If we're asked, we can do the work and have expressed our willingness," he said.

Dasgupta said he will visit Kuwait next month to discuss means of furthering bilateral trade.

"In the long run, Gulf countries including Kuwait, will benefit by diversifying investments; they will find investments more attractive than the West, not in high-tech, but in other areas," he said.

Kuwaiti investment in India has been "negligible" despite concerted efforts to encourage investors under the liberal export-import policies introduced by India.

Through Japan and South Korea have expressed an interest, investments from the Gulf have not

been forthcoming.

This is one area that Dasgupta hopes to explore during his Kuwait visit next month. He plans to invite a trade team, preferably from the Kuwait Investment Authority (KIA), to study the "investment climate" in India and to discuss a proposed agreement to "avoid double taxation." A KIA team visited India in 1986 but further progress was not made.

Joint-venture investments will be encouraged in the industrial sector, particularly in such "free trade" zones as Madras, Bombay and Delhi.

Over the last five years India has lost business to its competitors and their trade with Kuwait has remained stagnant. India's exports to Kuwait have ranged between \$100 million and \$125 million. Oil product imports from Kuwait were worth about \$250 million.

Indian imports declined due to the economic recession, a decline in re-export trade from Kuwait and the loss of business in the sale of such products as tea to Sri Lanka and basmati rice to Pakistan.

Despite a setback in Kuwait, trade ties with the Gulf have been gaining ground.

Wall Street's post-election dive reflects American deficit fears

NEW YORK, Nov 14, (Reuters): Wall Street's unwillingness to toast George Bush's victory boomed poorly for the US stock market in the year ahead and underscores serious economic woes facing the president-elect, market analysts say.

"Instead of a champagne party Bush got a cold shower from the markets," said Robert Stovall of 21st Securities.

Stocks, bonds and the dollar all fell after Tuesday's election, with the Dow Jones industrial average down 60 points in the final three sessions. It fell 78.77 points in the week.

Traders in the United States and abroad pointed fingers at familiar culprits, the US budget and trade deficits, as the cause of the tumble. Western officials called on the new administration to act swiftly on the deficits. But hopes are not high.

Realism

"Post-election realism has set in," said Steven Einhorn of Goldman Sachs Co.

Congress remained strongly Democratic after the election, and Bush made stubborn statements against tax increases. Because the deficits

received little attention in recent months, some traders said they were just convenient excuses to explain a stock market decline that might have happened anyway. The emotional meltdown after the election caused the drop, they said.

But others said it was no coincidence that the twin deficits resurfaced the day after the election because the issue had been purposely ignored by America's trading partners in the months running up to Nov 8.

Deal

"This was a year of unusual co-operation between the trading partners," said Einhorn. "It seems a good deal of the harmony came from a desire for Bush to be elected—the trading partners preferred the person they knew to the one they didn't know. So immediately after the election, they broke their silence."

Aside from criticising US economic policies, the trading partners also appeared to have pulled the plug on the dollar, dealers said. After propping it up for months, most foreign central banks were curiously absent from the foreign exchange cen-

tres after Bush was elected.

Some dealers even theorised that the United States wanted a lower dollar to help cut the trade deficit.

With most of the props knocked out from under the currency, it dropped more than two per cent against the West German mark and to a 10-month low against the yen.

"There is so much uncertainty here, the stock market can't gather any strength to go up," said Charles Jensen of MKI Securities.

The lower dollar, while helping out the trade deficit, translates to a threat of higher inflation, an unwillingness of foreigners to hold US financial assets and a rise in interest rates, all of which spell lower stock prices, Jensen said.

"The market is sending a strong message to the new administration, which I believe will be heeded, to work seriously on the deficits," said Jack Conlon of Nikko Securities. "But there is a feeling that the administration is going to be in for a difficult period by virtue of what they face from a Democratic Congress."

China to send team to GATT ministerial meeting

US proposes freezing farm subsidies

WASHINGTON, Nov 14, (Reuters): The United States has proposed a conditional freeze on all agricultural subsidies and trade barriers over the next two years.

In a paper submitted to trade partners this week and obtained by Reuters, the United States said it would agree to the freeze if other countries accepted its proposal to scrap all-trade-distorting subsidies and access barriers over time.

Subsidies

The paper, dated Nov 7 and delivered by US trade negotiators to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade this week, marks the first time Washington has officially endorsed specific, short-term reform measures as part of the agriculture section of the Uruguay round of trade talks.

Trade ministers of the 96 GATT member states will hold a

mid-term review of the trade round in Montreal beginning Dec 5, and the paper stakes out the US position in advance of the parity.

Entitled "A framework for agricultural reform," the paper calls on other GATT members to agree to elimination of all trade-distorting subsidies and trade barriers "within an agreed period of time."

The Reagan administration had proposed overhauling the farm trade system by the year 2000 but no longer adheres to that deadline.

The paper also urges trade ministers to convert all quotas and non-tariff barriers into tariffs and to set a schedule in early 1989 for phasing out all tariffs and subsidies.

The United States would allow developing countries to maintain some subsidies to farmers provided they were unrelated to production and marketing.

Washington maintains that existing subsidies encourage surplus production, which can drive down world commodity prices and heighten trade tensions.

Support

The US farm trade proposal enjoys support from a number of nations but has been strongly opposed by the EEC.

EEC officials remained defiant on Wednesday. "We're confronted with very difficult negotiations because of the United States' maximalist position," said Willy de Clerc, EEC commissioner for external relations and trade policy, said.

"Throughout the talks the US position has seemed to me to be inspired by a wish to rewrite history and impose objectives that are totally unrealistic," he said.

The EEC claims trade ministers agree to roll back, not eliminate, subsidies when they launched the Uruguay round in 1986.

UK consultant conducts training for managers

By M.C. Bose

DAVID KLEWIN, a UK-based training consultant with extensive experience in the Middle East market, who has given training assistance to many local and international companies in the area, is visiting Kuwait. He is here to train a 12-member team from a Kuwaiti company. The six-day training programme is being conducted at the Kuwait Hilton and ends on Friday.

Klewin is the principal of David Klewin & Associates. He has held senior management positions with several leading companies including Unilever and the Imperial Food Group. As a training manager with Imperial Foods, Klewin helped train management and shop personnel of Courage Limited, part of the group.

Clients

For the past 12 years the company has worked closely with a number of important clients to help improve their sales promotion and marketing drives and encourage more effective use of appropriate management styles and techniques.

He said: "Our normal pattern, however, is to start with a detailed analysis of the client's requirements, design and carry out a suitable development programme and evaluate its effectiveness, following up when necessary."

The company specialises in sales, marketing and communication training for managers and field sales personnel. In Kuwait Klewin's new series of training programmes include "team working" and "customer interface skills."

Techniques

"The basis of our team work training is the techniques which can help maintain company impetus," he said.

Klewin's company has a representative office in Cairo, which has been operating since 1972.

Klewin will be available for consultation at the Kuwait Hilton Hotel any day after 4 pm.

Turkey to contribute \$5m to IFAD

ROME, Nov 14, (OPECNA): Turkey has announced a contribution of \$5 million to the third replenishment of the financial resources of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD).

According to the UN agency, the announcement comes at a time when it is trying to finalise commitments to the fund's third replenishment (1989-91) with a target of \$750 million.

Developing countries which benefit from IFAD programmes have promised to contribute 75 million to the effort, while OECD countries as a group have stated that they will match it three to one.

IFAD's resources come from OECD nations (category I), OPEC countries (category II) and other developing countries (category III). IFAD said Turkey, a "category III" member, had made an impressive contribution which it hoped other developing countries would try to emulate.

Since 1982, IFAD has committed \$30 million to two projects in Turkey, while, currently, an IFAD mission is in the country to appraise a fresh project.

World Business Summary

Gorbachev backs agricultural reforms at food meeting

MOSCOW, Nov 14, (Reuters): Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev called for wide-ranging agricultural reforms during a meeting of Communist Party chiefs today devoted to the country's chronic food shortages. Moscow Radio said Gorbachev told the conference in Oryol, 360 km (225 miles) south of Moscow, that an improvement in food supplies was the Soviet Union's most important domestic task. "Mikhail Gorbachev stressed the need to go over to new methods of economic management in the countryside including the lease and family contracts," the radio said in a brief report on his opening speech. The Kremlin has recently allowed peasants to lease land or periods of up to 50 years in an attempt to boost agricultural production. In an apparent explanation of the unusual choice of site for the meeting, the official news agency Tass said the meeting would study reforms in the Oryol region which had helped speed up rural development there. Besides Gorbachev, there were four other full members of the 12-member ruling Politburo, plus three of the eight candidates or non-voting members. Tass said Communist Party leaders of the constituent Soviet republics were also present. Politburo member Yegor Ligachev, recently appointed head of a new commission on agriculture, was among those in Oryol, Tass said. Ligachev, long thought to be Kremlin "number two", was absent from an October 12 meeting on the food problem, giving fresh fuel to speculation among foreign analysts he had been demoted. A Foreign Ministry spokesman said he was on holiday at the time.

Turkish industry faces bleak outlook after healthy '87

ISTANBUL, Nov 14, (Reuters): Turkish industry has entered a lean period following surging profits in 1987 as the economic management of Prime Minister Turgut Ozal stumbles, economists said last week. The annual report on Turkey's 500 top companies released by the Istanbul Chamber of Industry showed that total profits rose by 79 per cent in 1987 over 1986 to 2,635 billion lira (\$1.53 billion). "It was an excellent year for exports and domestic sales. All companies did well. They were not able to meet demand," said a senior credit analyst in an Istanbul bank. But he said 1988 would be much less successful because of the inflation rate, which has rocketed to 86 per cent, high interest rates and falling public purchasing power. Next year would also be bleak, he said. Economists said the problems were mainly due to the budget deficit which was likely to reach 4,098 billion lira (\$2.4 billion) in 1988, twice the government's target. The chamber's report said workers' wages were declining as a percentage of the value added to a product. The proportion had fallen to 34 per cent from 38 per cent last year and 55.5 per cent in 1983. "The distribution of income has been turned against wages," Istanbul University economics Professor Erdogan Alkin told Reuters. "The situation must be improved rapidly... wage-earners stand out as an income group in which adjustment to inflation has become more difficult than ever," he said.

Labour unrest is running high, despite effective government restrictions, and newspapers have said several municipalities and state organisations are delaying wage payments for months.

The chamber's report showed a renewed shift under Ozal's government of industrial production away from the state sector, which had led development since the Turkish republic was founded in 1923. Eight of the biggest 10 companies in terms of sales were still owned by the state, but 410 of the top 500 were private and accounted for 56.6 per cent of sales, up five percentage points from 1986.

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International Bond Highlights

Rome — Italian Treasury Minister Giuliano Amato is not blocking a 680 mln European currency unit (ECU) credit line to the Soviet Union agreed last month, despite press reports to the contrary, government sources said here. (RTX11334)

Washington — The US Treasury said it will auction nine billion dollars of 30-year bonds on Thursday, November 17, to raise new cash. (RTYE 1413)

Rome — Italian state railways Ferrovie dello Stato is issuing a 100 mln European Currency Unit Eurobond with a 7.75 pct coupon and an issue price of 101-7/8 pct, leader manager Benetton di Roma said. (RTWO 1248)

Frankfurt — The West German Federal Railways is issuing a two billion mark domestic bond with a 6-3/8 pct coupon priced at 99.75 for 10 years to yield 6.41 pct, a Bundesbank spokesman said. (RTVL 1046)

London — The Halifax Building Society is issuing a 125 mln ECU Eurobond due December 15, 1993 paying eight pct and priced at 102 pct, lead manager Banque Paribas Capital Markets said. (RTTM 0849)

Lisbon — Portuguese 700 mln dir floating rate note (FRN) issued last Friday was aimed at refinancing existing debt and has been a success, a Treasury spokesman said. (RTXJ 1343)

Interbank Rates

CALL	ONE MONTH	THREE MONTHS
LDN 11-3/4 1/2	11-13/16 11/16	12-3/16 1/8
FF 4.40/50	4.65/75	4.80/90
PAR 7-13/16 7/8	7-7/8 8	8-1/16 3/16
ZUR 3-5/8 3-7/8	3-5/8 3-7/8	3-7/8 4-1/8
BRE 6.20	7-1/8 3/16	7-3/16 7/32
ROM 10-1/2 11	11-1/2 12	11-1/2 12
AMS 4.75/50	5.25/28	5.33/43
TOK 3.6250 6875	4.1250 1875	4.3125 3750
EDI 7.31 7.56	7.43 7.56	7.56 7.68

Interest Rates

Following are the average KD interest rates of local interbank transactions as reported by participants to Central Bank of Kuwait yesterday.

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	6-13/16	7-1/4
3 months	6-3/4	7-3/16
6 months	6-9/16	7-1/16
1 year	6-9/16	7

BOMBAY

PR.CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GLINDIA	84	91	90 NIOO	650	650	670
ACC	---	398	395	GRASIM	58.25	58	58.50	MUKAND	115
ASIA PAINT	215	221	220	GSFC	148.75	157.50	145	ORICA	39.50
BAJAJ AUTO	382.50	387.50	381.25	HIND LEVER	85	86	85	PEICO	33
BAL. RAYON	305	310	335	HINDCO	125	125	123	PFIZER	79
BOM. DYING	133	137	134	HINDOCOA	111.25	112.50	115	PRE. AUTO	55.50
BR. BOND	112	117	118	HINDOTR	31.50	33	31.75	RAYMOND	64
BSE INDEX	699.75	709.03	709.03	IND ORG	43	42	44	RELIANCE	177
CENTURYSPG	1450	1470	1465	INDRAYON	80.75	83	81	SIEMENS	110
COLGATE	327.50	335	325	INDROL	270	277.50	270	SPIC	53
DEEPAKFEET	45.50	47	48	ITC	53	50	52	STONHILLS	330
EL. HOTEL	56	57.50	52.50	JKSYNTH	85	87	85	TATA PWR	340
ESKAYEF	147.50	147.50	146.25	L AND T	130	134	131	TATACHEN	104
ESSAR	28.50	33	30	MAHINDRA	119.50	120	122	TELOO	735
GAR. POLY	105	108.75	121.25	MASTERSHR	18	21	19.75	TISCO	1047.5
GE. SHIP	43	44.50	44	MATHER PIP	75	72.50	77.50	VOLTAS	450

FRANKFURT

STOCK	LAST PR.	CLSE
AGF	188.5	190.0
ALLIANZ VR	170.0	168.0
BADEWERK	184.0	185.0
BASF	269.7	268.2
BAYER	289.4	289.5
BAYER HYP	363.0	365.0
BAYER VER	365.0	363.0
BBC	324.5	326.0
BHF	402.0	398.5
BMW	523.0	517.0
COMERZBK	237.0	236.7
COMIT GUMM	258.8	257.5
DATMER BEH	741.5	733.0
DEUTSCH BAK	512.0	509.2
DLV	390.0	388.0
DRESCHER-W.	295.5	292.5
DI. BARCOCK	157.8	157.5
EL. INDEX	172.0	172.2
FELDMUEHLER	271.0	272.2
GOLDSCHEID	328.0	325.0
HARPER	398.0	404.0
HOECHST AG	291.3	288.5
HOESCH	165.5	163.8
HORTEN	215.0	213.0
HUSSEL HLD	449.0	453.5
KALI SALZ	145.0	145.0
KARSTADT	416.0	415.0
KALFHOFF	395.0	390.0
KLOECK H	132.5	133.5
KLOECK W	0	99.80
LINDE	696.0	701.0
LUFTHANSA	143.5	143.0
MAN	214.0	212.5
MANHESMAN	182.8	178.8
MERCEDES	610.0	605.5
METALLGES	323.0	318.0
NIXDORF PF	406.0	403.7
NORSK HYD	26.50	26.80
PHILIP KOP	612.0	614.0
PORSCHE	505.0	558.0
PREUSSAG	167.0	165.0
PWA	226.8	225.0
RHEINMETAL	363.0	365.0
RUE	238.5	240.0
RUE P	214.0	215.0
SALAMANDER	291.0	295.5
SCHERING	570.2	570.2
SEL	266.5	265.0
SIEMENS	475.0	468.8
THYSEN	172.5	169.0
VARIA	314.0	309.0
VERA	260.0	258.5
VEN	199.6	199.5
VOLKSWAGEN	308.5	302.0

HONG KONG

STOCK	LAST PR.	CLSE
R TUNNEL	15.10	15.20
REUNG K	7.15	7.35
WING GAS	16.60	16.90
WING L-P	16.60	16.90
WING MOTR	22.80	23.60
WING PROP	5.50	5.50
WING IND	0	0.47
AR EAST C	0.68	0.71
EN ORIENT	0	44.00
C DEVELP	8.90	8.90
S INDEX	537.99	583.74
W LUNG	5.30	5.40
W SENG	27.20	27.50
W PAR BR	9.00	9.00
ELEC CO	6.85	6.95
KOMCOO	7.80	7.90
LAND O	8.30	8.40
SHAN BK	6.15	6.25
SHAN HT	5.60	5.60
TELE CO	5.05	5.20
TCR WMAN	8.05	8.25
D EQ PAC	10.50	10.60
ROINE H	13.70	14.20
J WORLD	11.60	11.80
J Y CO	2.32	2.33
U DEV	6.95	6.95
I K CO	1.90	1.93
K PROP	10.90	11.00
DARBY	2.20	2.22
ELUX NFG	2.57	2.60
RE PAC	17.50	17.90
B CO	14.20	14.20
CHEUNG	3.80	3.85
ON BANK	1.50	1.50
CK HARD	0	7.25
CK HARI	0	1.15
LD INTL	3.70	3.77

TOKYO

STOCK	LAST PR.	CLSE	HITSUB CP	1360	1350
AJUNIMOTO	2760	2600	HITSUB EST	920	926
AKAI ELEC	546	562	HITSUB HWY	2750	2750
AKI	997	990	HITSUB K	1020	1020
ASAHI GLS	1920	1900	HITSUKOSHI	2090	2080
ASAHI OPT	611	613	HITSUBI EL	927	926
BANK TOKYO	1620	1620	MICHICOM	1070	1070
BRIDGESTON	1280	1270	HISON OMT	938	955
CANON	1220	1230	NIKKO SEC	1790	1710
CASIO COMP	1210	1220	NIP ELEC	1730	1760
CHUGAI PHM	1360	1390	HIP KOKKAM	882	880
CITIZEN W	795	801	NIP OIL	1500	1560
D-ICI KAN	3260	3220	NIP STEEL	888	871
DAI HIP IK	910	930	NIP YUSEN	888	893
DAI HIP P	2590	2620	HIS MOTOR	1250	1260
DAI HIP SC	860	890	NOMURA SEC	3790	3750
DAI HIP TO	880	880	ONDA CO	782	785
DAI HIP TO	740	744	OLYMPUS	4000	3995
DAI HIP TO	2400	2400	OLYMPUS	3000	3000
DAI HIP TO	2430	2390	PIONEER	2720	2740
DAI HIP TO	1040	1040	RICOH	845	840
DAI HIP TO	1870	1850	RICOH	1030	1050
DAI HIP TO	1390	1410	SANKYO	1860	1780
DAI HIP TO	3330	3280	SANYO ELEC	665	670
DAI HIP TO	3010	3000	SEIKU ST	1910	1880
DAI HIP TO	1460	1480	SEIKU ST	1850	1800
DAI HIP TO	801	815	SHARP	972	978
DAI HIP TO	1430	1460	SHISEIDO	1610	1620
DAI HIP TO	1810	1840	SONY	5770	5780
DAI HIP TO	2190	2190	SUMITOMO	1220	1230
DAI HIP TO	4020	3980	TAISEI	1170	1180
DAI HIP TO	952	950	TAISHO HRN	1380	1370
DAI HIP TO	15000	14800	TAKEDA CH	2300	2300
DAI HIP TO	701	700	TEIJIN	757	757
DAI HIP TO	1760	1750	TOKI NEW IX	219.69	212.62
DAI HIP TO	3890	3810	TOKIO HWY	2270	2290
DAI HIP TO	1730	1680	TOKYO ELEC	950	960
DAI HIP TO	810	820	TOKYO GAS	1490	1520
DAI HIP TO	1050	1070	TOKYO PWR	6850	6750
DAI HIP TO	1860	1790	TORAY IND	828	828
DAI HIP TO	890	890	TOSHIBA EL	976	988
DAI HIP TO	948	963	TOTO	1950	1810
DAI HIP TO	4510	4670	TOTO KOGY	731	740
DAI HIP TO	1300	1320	TOYOTA MOT	2300	2280
DAI HIP TO	2840	2730	YAMAHA	1100	1100
DAI HIP TO	2180	2220	YANAIUCHI	1810	1740
DAI HIP TO	0	2660	YANAMOUCHI	3750	3770
DAI HIP TO	926	930	YANAZAKI	1400	1390

Tokyo Stock Market Report

TOKYO STOCKS END AT RECORD HIGH AFTER SLIM GAIN. TOKYO, NOV 14, REUTER - SHARE PRICES ROSE SLIGHTLY TO A RECORD CLOSE IN MODERATE TRADE AS CONTINUED BUYING OF FINANCIAL SHARES BOUYED THE INDEX DESPITE SOME OTHER CONCERNS, BROKERS SAID.

"BUYING OF FINANCIALS PULLED UP THE MARKET. SOME FOREIGNERS WERE BUYING THEM, AND THE CONTINUED GOOD OUTLOOK FOR INTEREST RATES KEPT THEM POPULAR," SAID A BROKER AT ONE MAJOR JAPANESE SECURITIES HOUSE.

THE HIKKEI INDEX CLIMBED 31.33 POINTS, OR 0.11 PCT, TO A RECORD CLOSING 28,520.90. EARLIER IN THE DAY IT HIT A RECORD 28,531.47. IT GAINED 325.15 POINTS LAST FRIDAY.

THE PREVIOUS RECORD CLOSE AND RECORD TRADED HIGH WERE BOTH POSTED LAST FRIDAY.

SECURITIES HOUSE, BANK, COMMUNICATIONS, AIRLINE, RETAIL, RUBBER, FOOD AND DRUG SHARES TOPPED THE LIST OF GAINERS.

BUT RAILWAY, GAS, OIL, WAREHOUSE, REAL ESTATE, PULP/PAPER, AND REAL ESTATE SHARES LOST, PARTLY DUE TO PROFIT TAKING AND PARTLY BECAUSE OF A MELTER OF FUTURE UNCERTAINTIES.

"WHAT WE ARE MOST WORRIED ABOUT IS THAT THE DOLLAR MAY DEPRECIATE TOWARDS 120 YEN IN OVERSEAS MARKETS AND THAT WOULD PUSH DOWN WALL STREET SHARE PRICES," THE JAPANESE BROKER SAID.

HE NOTED MONDAY'S MODEST SHARE TURNOVER.

SHARE TURNOVER WAS 550 MLN AGAINST 900 MLN ON FRIDAY.

FALLING ISSUES JUST LED RISES.

BROKERS SAID THAT IF THE TEN APPRECIATES SHARPLY AGAINST THE DOLLAR THAT WOULD PRESSURE THE U.S. TO RAISE INTEREST RATES AND WOULD PROBABLY DEPRESS WALL STREET STOCKS. TOKYO INVESTORS FEAR MAJOR DECLINES IN NEW YORK.

BUT IN ANY CASE, JAPANESE INTEREST RATES WILL STAY LOW AS LONG AS THE TEN IS STRONG, SAID BROKERS, THAT INSPIRED BUYING OF FINANCIALS, WHICH ACCOUNT FOR A LARGE PORTION OF THE INDEX.

BROKERAGE STOCKS GAINED BECAUSE LOW OR FALLING INTEREST RATES TENDS TO DIVERT MONEY FROM BANK ACCOUNTS TO STOCKS.

Hong Kong Stock Market Report

HONG KONG, NOV 14, REUTER - SHARE PRICES CONTINUED TO DRIFT DOWNWARD AND CLOSED SHARPLY LOWER ON BEARISH SENTIMENT AFTER THE 47-POINT DROP IN THE DOW JONES ON WALL STREET LAST FRIDAY, BROKERS SAID.

THE HANG SENG INDEX LOST 45.75 POINTS, OR 1.77 PCT, TO 2,537.99. THE BROADER-BASED HONG KONG INDEX WAS 29.62 POINTS LOWER AT 1,673.17.

"PRICES WERE JUST DRIFTING DOWN WITHOUT AN ANCHOR," SAID A BROKER WITH A MAJOR LOCAL BROKERAGE FIRM.

"SENTIMENT WAS DEFINITELY BEARISH AFTER THE INDEX FAILED TO BREAK THE STRONG RESISTANCE AT 2,600."

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OPNG	CLSE	JOR LEASING CORP.	0.57	0.56
ALA-ADDIN COMPANY	1.40	JOR LIN BRICK	0.22	0.23
ARAB ALUMINUM LTD	1.99	JOR MANAG/CONSULT	0.50	0.50
ARAB BANK	143.7	JOR NATIONAL BANK	2.75	2.77
ARAB CHEMICAL DTR	4.45	JOR PAPER CARDBRGG	3.81	3.80
ARAB FINANCE CORP.	2.22	JOR PHOSPHATE MINS	3.77	3.70
ARAB INSURANCE	1.12	JOR PIPES MANUFACT	1.45	1.43
ARAB INT. INV/TRAD.	0.98	JOR PRESS/PUBLISH.	2.00	2.15
ARAB INT. LION INS	0.99	JOR PRINTING/PACK.	4.25	4.40
ARAB INTER. HOTELS	0.58	JOR ROCK WOOL IND.	0.89	0.91
ARAB JOR/INVT/BK	2.26	JOR SECURIT CORP.	0.78	0.79
ARAB PAPER COM/IND	0.36	JOR SELPHO CHEM.	2.89	2.95
ARAB PHARM. MANF.	2.48	JOR WOOD INDUSTRT	1.51	1.51
ARAB PHARM/CHEM	0.76	JOR WORSTED MLL	4.83	5.00
ARAB POTASH CO.	1.65	JOR. KUWAIT AGR	1.00	0.93
ARABIAN SEAS INS.	16.70	JOR. PETROLIUM REF	8.46	8.60
BANK OF JORDAN	1.00	JOR. FRENCH INS.	5.20	5.34
BELGIUM INSURANCE	29.00	JOR. INV. FID. CORP	2.37	2.37
CAIRO AMMAN BANK	1.05	JORDAN GULF REAL	0.36	0.36
CONFECT/CHOCOLATE	0.70	JORDAN GULF BANK	1.33	1.31
DAR AL SHAH PRESS	0.64	JORDAN GULF INS.	0.94	0.95
DAR ALDAHA DYING	0.68	JORDAN INSURANCE	13.85	13.90
DARCO/INVEST/INDUS.	0.57	JORDAN ISLAMIC BHK	1.90	1.84
FINANCE/CREDIT/COOR	0.40	JORDAN KUWAIT BANK	1.60	1.60
GARAGE OWNERS OFF	0.40	JORDAN TANNING	1.95	1.95
GENERAL INSURANCE	2.39	LIVESTOCK/POULTRY	0.70	0.73
GENERAL INVESTMENT	1.45	MACH/ENG/RENT/MAIN	0.81	0.81
GENERAL MINING.	1.38	MIDDEL EAST HOTEL	0.69	0.75
HIMMEL MINERALS.	0.75	MIDDEL EAST INS	60.00	60.00
HOLY LAND INS.	1.41	MINERALS RESEARCH	0.67	0.74
IND. MATCH JEMCO	0.75	NAT. FID. INVEST CO	2.36	2.35
INDSTR. DEVLPT BKR.	1.61	NAT. FID. INVEST CO	1.13	1.14
INDSTR. COM/AGR.	1.46	NAT. FID. INVEST CO	1.36	1.35
INDSTR. INVEST.	0.75	NATIONAL ARLIA INS	0.37	0.39
INTERN. COM/INV	0.13	NATIONAL PORTFOLIO	0.88	0.91
IRBID ELECTRICITY	0.86	NATIONAL STEEL	2.98	2.99

Bush vows to continue Reagan economic policies

GULFSTREAM, Florida, Nov 14. (AP) President-elect George Bush, seeking to calm world financial market fears, said today he will continue the economic policies of "exchange market stability" introduced by President Ronald Reagan.

Bush downplayed the dramatic weakening of the dollar against the yen and West German mark and the plunge of the stock market since his election last Tuesday, saying: "These gyrations happen."

"Exchange market stability is the key... nobody is going to peg the dollar to any existing currency," he said.

Bush also hinted he might have announced appointments to his administration when he returns to Washington this week.

Power
He rejected a report that said James Baker, who will be his Secretary of State, would wield power as a deputy president.

"You haven't heard that here," he told reporters in an informal beachside news conference. He said Baker is a close confidant, but "I simply would look here for guidance on who's going to be calling the shots other than the new president."

On a news report that a three-person chief-of-staff arrangement was under consideration, Bush said, "Stay tuned, I'll have announcements on that pretty soon."

He revealed that New Hampshire Gov. John Sununu, a close adviser who the Washington Post reported might be one of the Troika, would join Bush this evening at the president-elect's oceanfront vacation spot.

No other political associates have visited Bush since he arrived on Thursday.

Currencies
On the economic question, Bush was asked if he would favour lowering the dollar against foreign currencies as has been suggested by his sometime adviser, Martin Feldstein.

"The policy in effect is the administration policy built around policy co-ordination an exchange market stability... it is the policy of the existing administration. It will be the policy of the George Bush administration."

WORLD STOCK ROUNDUP

SYDNEY, Nov 14. (Reuters): The share market recorded its largest one-day fall for almost three months as the former Australian dollar gave overseas investors incentive to sell. The All Ordinaries index fell 31.8 to 1,526.4.

TOKYO: Prices rose to a record close with continued buying of financial shares buoying the index. The Nikkei index climbed 31.33 points, 0.11 per cent, to 28,531.47.

HONG KONG: Prices closed sharply lower on bearish sentiment after Friday's drop on Wall Street. The Hang Seng index fell 45.75 to 2,537.99.

SINGAPORE: Prices closed sharply lower across the board following Friday's 48-point slide on Wall Street and the recent weakness of the dollar. The Straits Times industrial index fell 12.38 to 1,002.65 in lacklustre trading.

BOMBAY: Closed for holiday, trading resumes tomorrow.

FRANKFURT: Leading shares closed fractionally off the day's high in quiet trading, boosted by foreign buying in response to a rebound in the dollar. The Dax index rose 9.66 to 1,261.84.

PARIS: Prices were off their lows by mid-session as bargain-hunting in some blue chips reversed the early wave of selling.

LONDON: Shares turned lower again in late afternoon business after Wall Street reversed an early double-figure advance. At 1543 GMT the FTSE 100 index was down 11.4 to 1,791.3, keeping pace with movements on Wall Street.

NEW YORK: Stocks fell further over a broad front in mid-morning trading. Blue chips were down substantially after giving up a moderate gain. The Dow was down 10 to 2,057.

World Bank chief hails Jordan's economic measures

AMMAN, Nov 14. (AP) World Bank President Barber Conable today discounted reports of a crisis in Jordan's economy and praised government measures aimed at cutting imports and encouraging exports.

"It seems as though the situation is well in hand," he told a news conference at the end of a three-day visit to the kingdom.

"It will require some austerity measures in all probability on the part of the government... but they seem to have a very clear understanding of the forces at work there and to be prepared to do what's necessary."

Imports
The government this month banned a dozen categories of luxury imports and sharply increased customs duties on others in an effort to save some \$200 million in foreign exchange.

The steps came in the wake of a slide in the value of the Jordanian dinar, which fell to about \$2 from about \$3 at the start of the year.

But the World Bank's area director,

Ardy Stoutjesdijk, said the devaluation "fits in fact very well with the policy of export promotion" by making Jordanian goods cheaper on the world market.

And Conable said that it had not resulted in the sort of major inflation that sometimes results in other countries from similar actions, although prices of imported goods have risen sharply in recent weeks.

"We don't think it's that much of an alarming development here at this point," Conable said.

He also downplayed concerns about repayment of Jordan's debt of \$6.7 billion.

Stable
"We think the Jordanian debt is well-distributed and stable," said Conable, whose bank has about 8 per cent of Jordan's loans. That is the largest share of any multilateral institution.

Jordan has a large percentage of its loans on a long-term, low-interest basis. But it has recently been increasing commercial borrowing at less favourable rates to help cover foreign currency short-

tages, which reportedly have contributed to the dinar's fall.

Stoutjesdijk said after the news conference that he expected Jordan's share of so-called "hard" commercial loans would continue to rise in the short term. He said such situations are sometimes corrected when governments obtained soft term loans to pay off the commercial debts.

Debt

But Conable said there had been no discussion on rescheduling Jordan's debt to individual lenders and he said the bank had not been approached for loans to cover balance of payments requirements.

"I don't believe there's any basis for a feeling of crisis at this point and rescheduling would be the result of such a feeling," he said.

Asked about the government measures to correct its chronic trade imbalance, declining foreign reserves and slipping dinar, he said: "It sounds as though the government is doing the

things we would recommend they do and so there has not been a big discussion about that."

Investments
Conable said World Bank loans and investments in Jordan had totalled close to \$1 billion since the first in 1962. He said he expected the current level of exposure, about \$100 million, would continue indefinitely.

"We find the economic management here sophisticated and the loans have been carried out very well," he said.

Conable also praised Jordan for its "strong ideas" on economic development.

"This is the environment in which the World Bank likes to lend, because if we can support the priorities of a government we're usually much better off than making suggestions as outsiders," he noted.

He said Jordan's well-educated workforce gave it a strong potential for technology-related exports and said tourism also might provide greater foreign earnings.

Wall Street stocks ease

Dollar firms slightly, gold gains

NEW YORK, Nov 14. (Reuters): The dollar firmed in New York today, lifted by reported US central bank intervention and supportive statements from advisers to President-elect Bush, while Wall Street blue chips slipped marginally lower.

Jitters about the US budget and trade deficits had sent the dollar to its lowest level in 10 months on Friday, prompting a 48-point slide in the Dow Jones Industrial Average, its sharpest one-day loss in seven months.

But the US currency, after touching a low of 122.30 yen in Asian trading, edged higher in New York today, initially buoyed by remarks from Bush aides and later supported by Federal Reserve dollar-buying as the currency's early rally faltered.

Dealers
The Federal Reserve intervened in the open market to buy dollars at around 123.45 yen, currency dealers said, the central bank's first dollar purchases since last Wednesday. The Fed purchases followed intervention by the Bank of Japan, which bought more than \$500 million in Asian trading, Tokyo dealers said.

The dollar traded at 123.40 yen at midday in New York, off its early New York high of 123.83 but well above Friday's close at 122.85. The US currency also climbed to 1.7445 marks, up

from 1.7375 at Friday's finish.

The dollar's New York rally was underpinned by statements from Bush aides who said the Bush administration did not favour a lower dollar and the federal budget deficit would be its first priority. Bush takes office on Jan 20.

In addition, US Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady, who is widely expected to retain his post in the Bush administration, said the United States remains committed to exchange market stability.

Dealers said these weekend comments coincided with perceptions in some circles that the dollar may have over-extended itself on the downside for the near term. Last week's selling of dollars reflected a belief that Bush would have to let the dollar slide in value to narrow the huge US trade gap, which in August exceeded \$12 billion.

Lower
Wall Street stocks were mostly lower at midday after erratic morning trading. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 1.95 points at 2,065.08 at noon in moderate trading.

Stocks posted moderate early gains, partly fuelled by bargain hunting, brokers said. But falling treasury bond prices and uncertainties about the direction of interest rates eroded the gains.

The benchmark 30-year

treasury bond was down more than half a point at 100-27/32 at midday, lifting its yield to 9.05 per cent from 8.99 at Thursday's close. The treasury market was closed on Friday for Veterans Day.

Hard
Equity markets round the world are looking anxiously toward Wednesday, when the United States will announce its September trade figures. If the numbers are particularly bad, the dollar could be hit hard.

But the Japanese, as they have regularly done in the year since the "Black Monday" Wall Street crash, today hucked the trend as Tokyo's Nikkei share index edged up to an all-time high.

Tokyo's Nikkei stocks average closed 31.33 points higher at a record 28,520.90. Japanese dealers said a big factor was the strong yen, which meant Japan's interest rates would stay low.

London's FTSE index of 100 British blue chips began 26

points down in response to Friday's retreat on Wall Street. But some bargain-hunters emerged and by late afternoon the index was down only 8.4 points at 1,799.8.

Gold rose a modest 10 cents to \$423.20 an ounce on the Commodity Exchange in New York. Oil prices also firmed in New York, with the benchmark US crude, West Texas Intermediate for December delivery, up 20 cents at 14.15 dollars a barrel at midday.

OPEC (the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries) meets in Vienna on Nov 21 to discuss a production pact for 1989 in the face of falling world oil prices, now about \$5 below its \$18 a barrel target price.

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Kartasasmita to meet Sheikh Ali Iran and Iraq urged to reach OPEC accord

KUWAIT, Nov 14. (Reuters): Indonesian Oil Minister Ginanjar Kartasasmita said today he was trying to persuade Iran and Iraq to overcome their differences and help OPEC to reach a new oil production pact next week.

He told reporters on arrival in Kuwait from Iran: "We don't have any specific proposals except that we seek the governments of Iran and Iraq to open the door for possible agreement."

In Tehran, he met President Ali Khamenei, Prime Minister Mir Hossein Mousavi and Oil Minister Gholamreza Aqazadeh and delivered a message from Indonesian President Suharto.

Concern
"My president was expressing concern about the current situation and he requested the Iranian government to make it possible for us to reach some solution," Ginanjar said.

He said his talks in Tehran were satisfactory but did not elaborate. He is due to visit Baghdad tomorrow.

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Asked about prospects for an agreement in Vienna, Ginanjar said: "All of us are optimistic."

KUNA adds: The minister was received on arrival by Kuwait's Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Al Khalifa and the Indonesian ambassador to Kuwait.

Kartasasmita told reporters that he will convey a message to HH the Amir from President Suharto but he did not reveal the contents.

Kartasasmita said that he will meet tomorrow Sheikh Ali to exchange views on latest developments in the international oil markets.

North Sea oil output hits record high

OSLO, Nov 14. (Reuters): Norway, Western Europe's biggest oil producer after Britain, pumped a record volume from its North Sea fields in October, oil companies said today.

Growing output capacity pushed production to 1.22 million barrels oil per day (BPD) last month, beating the previous record of 1.20 million BPD set in September, according to a Reuters survey of oil firms.

Oil analysts said production would not exceed Norway's voluntary 7.5 per cent cutback in planned production growth.

Norway, not a member of OPEC, has enforced the cutback since February 1987 in support of the producing countries' efforts to stabilise world oil prices.

US backing for coffee price accord in jeopardy

LONDON, Nov 14. (Reuters): The United States threatened today to stay out of a new pact to stabilise coffee prices unless it is renegotiated so as to stop producers selling cheap to nations outside the International Coffee Organisation.

US Under Secretary of State for Economic Affairs Allen Wallis set out a tough position by the world's biggest coffee consumer at the start of crucial talks among the ICO's 50 producing and 24 consuming nations on a new price support pact.

Pact
The new pact will be needed to prevent a glut and a collapse of prices, which would damage Brazil and many other Third World countries, after an existing agreement expires next September.

Wallis said the problems were so serious that America's participation "is in jeopardy."

The current accord is based on export quotas.

Wallis suggested that a new one should focus on reducing price volatility by some kind of stock withholding system, which would remove coffee from the market when prices were low and release it when they are high.

But he said this should not try to lift prices above the trend prevailing in the world coffee market.

Agreement
The United States was adamant that the current agreement could not simply be extended, as many producers want. He said a new agreement "will have to be fundamentally different."

One key problem with the existing International Coffee Agreement (ICA) was that it all-

owed out price sales to importing nations which did not belong to the ICO.

"Non-member countries receive subsidies of several hundred million dollars a year. They are the only countries that, with certainty, benefit from the operation of the ICA," he said.

London coffee dealers have heard talk of sales to non-members mainly in Eastern Europe and the Middle East at 40 per cent discounts.

Wallis said a second problem was "the inability of our industry to obtain adequate supplies of the types of coffee our consumers prefer."

The current quotas make it impossible for sellers of high quality Arabica coffees, which are most prized in the United States, to increase supply in line with demand.

High
Prices on these gourmet coffees then rise disproportionately high. But sellers of less-valued grades are unwilling to rearrange quotas and lose market share.

The United States generally does not like commodity price support pacts and prefers a free market.

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Safety while riding a school bus is not only the responsibility of the driver, but the student's as well.

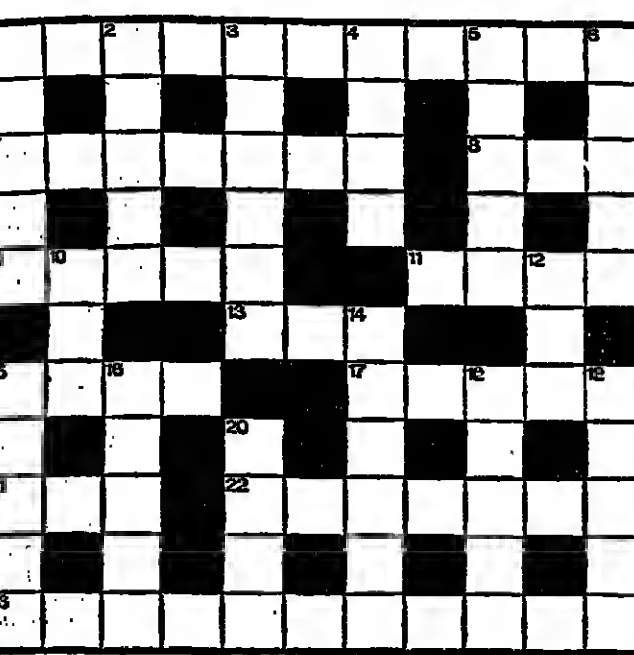
If you are seated properly, facing the front of the bus, the driver will find it easier to watch traffic through the front window or rear-view mirrors. If he is able to see clearly, you and your classmates will have a safer ride to and from school.

If you speak softly to friends seated near you and refrain from shouting, then, the driver will be able to hear if another driver needs his attention and honks his horn or if an emergency vehicle is coming.

Safety on the bus is your business as well as the driver's. Remember bus safety rules and protect your life.

Auntie Joanne

CROSSWORD



Across

- 1 With the necessary skill (11)
- 7 They move in time to music (7)
- 8 An expanse of salt water (3)
- 9 Controlled by law (5)
- 11 Move out of the perpendicular (4)
- 13 Weep bitterly (3)
- 15 It covers a ship's hold (4)
- 17 Make a distribution (5)
- 21 Spirit distilled from sugar (3)
- 22 Leave without means of support (7)
- 23 He amuses his audience (11)

Down

- 1 Senior church member (5)
- 2 Of a conclusive nature (5)
- 3 Systems of belief (6)
- 4 Provide relief (4)
- 5 The sense of tongue and palate (5)
- 6 Desire with great longing (5)
- 10 Purpose of an implement (3)
- 12 Considerable fuss (3)
- 14 Fruit with a yellow skin (6)
- 15 Hymn sung at a funeral (5)
- 16 Heavenly body with a luminous tail (5)
- 18 Carrying a burden (5)
- 19 One who corrects musical pitch (5)
- 20 Market held periodically (4)

Solution on Thursday

Solution to Thursday's crossword:

Across: 1 Daffodil; 7 Mearest; 8 Owe; 9 Seed; 11 Soorts; 14 Defile; 16 Star; 20 Sam; 21 Iceberg; 22 Deferred
Down: 1 Dames; 2 Frame; 3 Obey; 4 Intend; 5 Tour; 6 Mess; 10 Eve; 12 Tea; 13 Place; 14 Dusk; 15 Fine; 17 Their; 18 Raged; 19 Were



By Jack London

The love master

AS White Fang watched Weedon Scott approach, he bristled and snarled to advertise that he would not submit to punishment. Twenty-four hours had passed since he had slashed open the hand that was now bandaged and held up by a sling to keep the blood out of it. In the past White Fang had experienced delayed punishments, and he apprehended that such a one was about to befall him. How could it be otherwise? He had committed what was to him sacrilege — sunk his fangs into the holy flesh of a god, and of a superior-looking god at that. In the nature of things, and of intercourse with gods, some terrible awaited him.

The god sat down several feet away. White Fang could see nothing dangerous in that. When the gods administered punishment they stood on their legs. Besides, this god had no club, no whip, no fire-arm. And furthermore, he himself was free. No chain nor stick bound him. He could escape into safety while the god was scrambling to his feet. In the meantime he would wait and see.

The god remained quiet, made no movement, and White Fang's snarl slowly dwindled to a growl that ebbed down in his throat and ceased. Then the god spoke, and at the first sound of his voice the hair rose on White Fang's neck and the growl rushed up in his throat. But the god made no hostile movement, and went on calmly talking. For a time White Fang growled in unison with him, a correspondence of rhythm being established between growl and voice. But the god talked on interminably. He

talked to White Fang as White Fang had never been talked to before. He talked softly and soothingly, with a gentleness that somehow, somewhere, touched White Fang. In spite of himself and all the pricking warnings of his instinct, White Fang began to have confidence in this god. He had a feeling of security that was belied by all his experience with men.

After a long time the god got up and went into the cabin. White Fang scanned him apprehensively when he came out. He had neither whip nor club nor weapon. Nor was his injured hand behind his back hiding something. He sat down as before, in the same spot, several feet away. He held out a small piece of meat. White Fang pricked his ears and investigated it suspiciously, managing to look at the same time both at the meat and the god, alert for any overt act, his body tense and ready to spring away at the first sign of hostility.

Still the punishment delayed. The god merely held near to his nose a piece of meat. And about the meat there seemed nothing wrong. Still White Fang suspected, and though the meat was proffered to him with short inviting thrusts of the hand, he refused to touch it. The gods were all-wise, and there was no telling what masterful treachery lurked behind that apparently harmless piece of meat. In past experience, especially in dealing with squaws, meat and punishment had often been disastrously related.

In the end, the god tossed the meat on the snow at White Fang's feet. He

smelled the meat carefully, but he did not look at it. White he smelled it he kept his eyes on the god. Nothing happened. He took the meat into his mouth and swallowed it. Still nothing happened. The god was actually offering him another piece of meat. Again he refused to take it from the hand, and again it was tossed to him. This was repeated a number of times, but there came a time when the god refused to toss it. He kept it in his hand and steadfastly proffered it.

The meat was good meat, and White Fang was hungry. Bit by bit, infinitely cautious, he approached the hand. At last the time came that he decided to eat the meat from the hand. He never took his eyes from the god, thrusting his head forward with ears flattened back and hair involuntarily rising and cresting on his neck. Also a low growl rumbled in his throat as warning that he was not to be trifled with. He ate the meat, and nothing happened. Piece by piece he ate all the meat, and nothing happened. Still the punishment delayed.

He licked his chops and waited. The god went on talking. In his voice there was kindness — something of which White Fang had no experience whatever. And within him it aroused feelings which he had likewise never experienced before. He was aware of a certain strange satisfaction, as though some need were being gratified, as though some void in his being were being filled. Then again came the prod of his instinct and the warning of past experience. The gods were ever crafty,

and they had unguessed ways of attaining their ends.

Ah, he had thought so! There it came now, the god's hand, cunning in hurt, thrusting out to him, descending upon his head. But the god went on talking. His voice was soft and soothing. In spite of the menacing hand the voice inspired confidence. And in spite of the assuring voice the hand inspired distrust. White Fang was torn by conflicting feelings, impulses. It seemed he would fly to pieces, so terrible was the conflict he was exerting, holding together by an unwritten decision the enunter-frees that struggled within him for mastery.

He compromised. He snarled and bristled and flattened his ears. But he neither snapped nor sprang away. The hand descended. Nearer and nearer it came. It touched the ends of his upstanding hair. He shrank down under it. It followed down after him, pressing more closely against him. Slinking, almost shivering, he still managed to hold himself together. It was a torment, this hand that touched him and violated his instinct. He could not forget in a day all the evil that had been wrought him at the hands of men. But it was the will of the god, and he strove to submit.

The hand lifted and descended again in a patting, caressing movement. This continued, but every time the hand lifted the hair lifted under it. And every time the hand descended the ears flattened down and a cavernous growl surged in his throat. White Fang growled and growled



with insistent warning. By this means he announced that he was prepared to retaliate for any hurt he might receive. There was no telling when the god's ulterior motive might be disclosed. At any moment that soft, confidence-inspiring voice might break forth in roar of wrath, that gentle and caressing hand transform itself into a vice-like grip to hold him helpless and administer punishment.

But the god talked on softly, and ever the hand rose and fell with non-hostile pats. White Fang experienced dual feelings. It was distasteful to his instinct. It restrained him, opposed the will of him towards personal liberty. And yet it was not physically painful. On the contrary, it was even pleasant, in a physical way. The patting movement slowly and carefully changed to a rubbing of the ears about their bases, and the physical pleasure even increased a little. Yet he continued to fear, and he stood on guard, expectant of unguessed evil, alternatively suffering and enjoying as one feeling or the other came uppermost and swayed him.

"Well, I'll be gosh-swogged!" So spoke Matt, coming

out of the cabin, his sleeves rolled up, a pan of dirty dish-water in his hands, arrested in the act of emptying the pan by the sight of Weedon Scott patting White Fang.

At the instant his voice broke the silence White Fang leaped back, snarling savagely at him.

Matt regarded his employer with grieved disapproval.

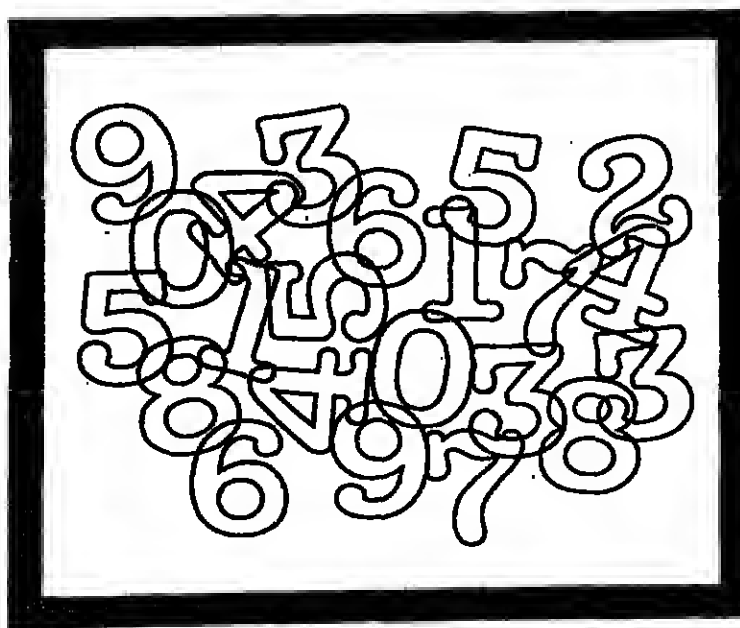
"If you don't mind my expressin' my feelin's, Mr Scott, I'll make free to say you're seventeen kinds of a damn fool, an' all of 'em different, an' then some."

Weedon Scott smiled with a superior air, gained his feet, and walked over to White Fang. He talked soothingly to him, but not far long, then slowly put out his hand, rested it on White Fang's head, and resumed the interrupted patting. White Fang endured it, keeping his eyes fixed suspiciously, not upon the man that petted him, but upon the man that stood in the door-way.

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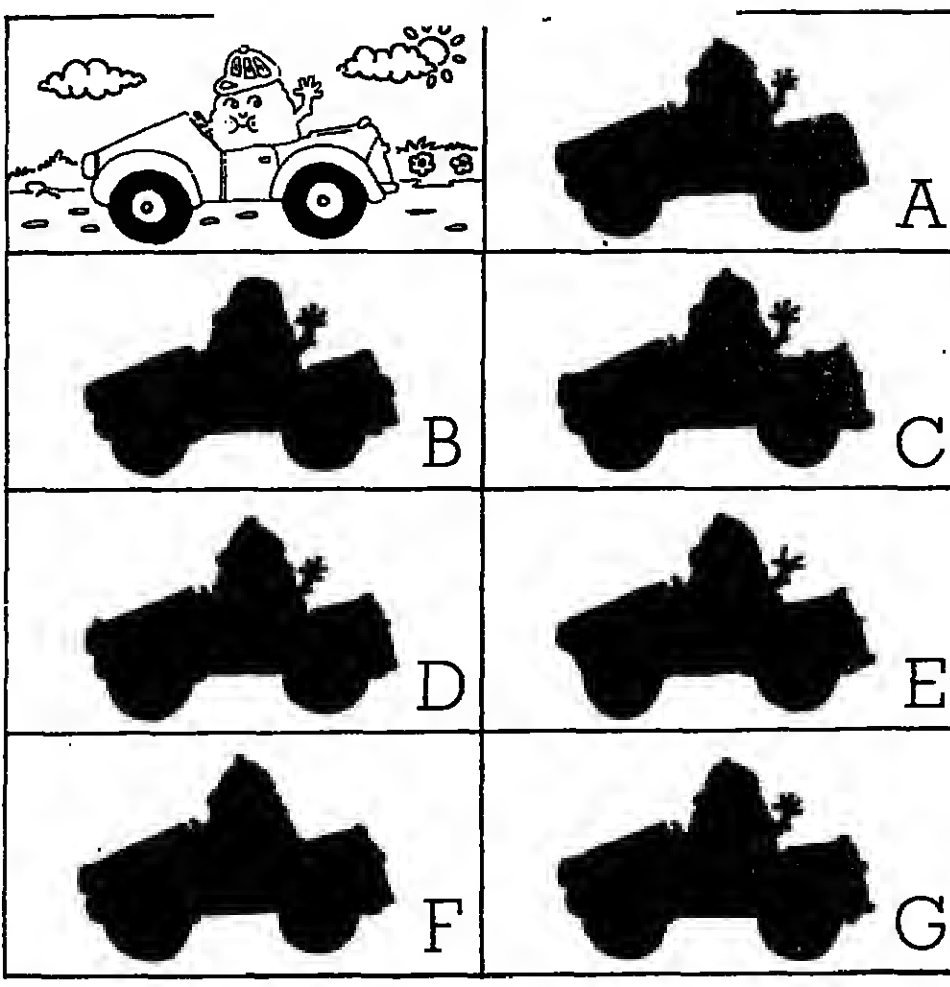
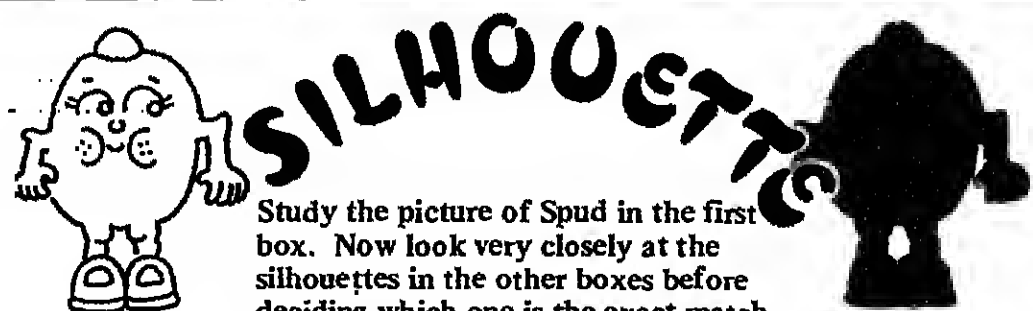
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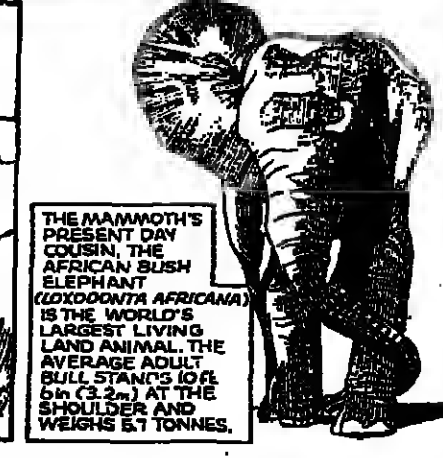
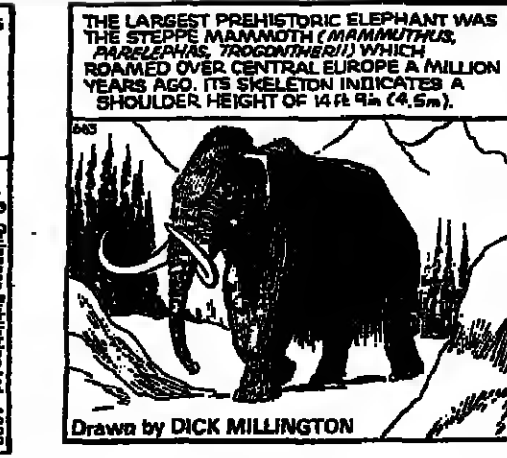
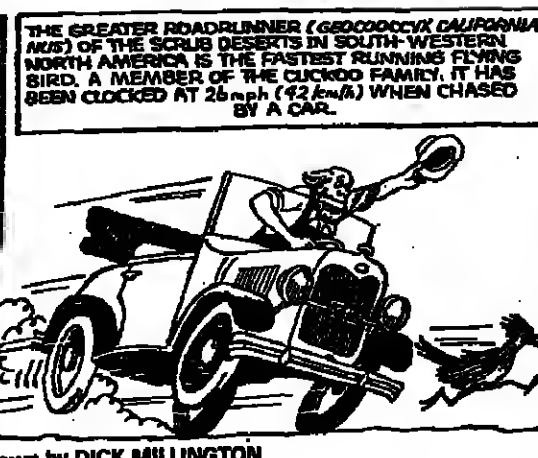
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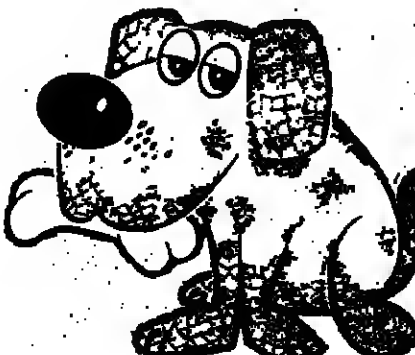
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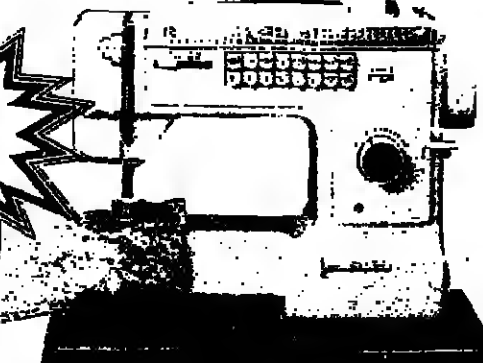
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SPORTS

SPINNERS PUT INDIA IN CONTROL

Kiwis in danger of follow-on



Arun Lal dives to take a catch but fails to get to the ball. (Reuters wirephoto)

BANGALORE, India, Nov 14, (Reuters): India's spinners, with Arshad Ayub capturing three for 43 in 42 overs, caused a collapse today that left New Zealand in danger of having to follow on in the first cricket Test.

The Indian slow howlers shackled and subsequently undermined New Zealand, who crumbled to 145 for six at the close of the third day in reply to India's first innings of 384 for nine declared.

New Zealand, who scored 136 off 104 overs during the day, are still 40 runs short of avoiding the follow-on on a pitch increasingly dusty and susceptible to spin.

Off-spinner Ayub was supported by leg-spinner Narendra Hirwani, who took two for 39 in 27 overs, and Wakeri Raman, with one for 23. Left-arm spinner Ravi Shastri conceded only 11 runs in 14 overs.

However, the touring side reached the relative prosperity of 118 for two during the final session, only for India to seize the initiative as four wickets tumbled for 22 at one stage.

New Zealand, nine without loss overnight, suffered their first setback when Wright was caught at silly point from bat-pad off Ayub for 22 soon after he had hit the only boundary in his 149-ball stay.

Four runs later Franklin (28) was beautifully bled 10 yards in from the boundary by Mohammad Azharuddin, who had run back from mid-wicket.

Andrew Jones should have gone three balls later but was put down at backward short-leg by Kapil Dev. Jones capitalised on his escape, putting on 56 for the third wicket with Mark Greatbatch (14), whose dismissal by Raman was the start of the slump after tea.

Ten runs later Jones, having stayed 132 balls, became Ayub's third victim when he was caught at forward short-leg by Krishnamachari Srikkanth for a stub-

born 45. Evan Gray did not last long, pushing half-forward and falling leg before to Hirwani.

Then 10 minutes before the close, Ken Rutherford was caught off bat-pad at silly point off Hirwani for 14. Tomorrow is a rest day.

Scoreboard

INDIA first innings 384 for nine declared (N. Srinivas 116, D. Venkatarao 75, R. Shastri 54, R. Hadke 54 for 65)

NEW ZEALAND first innings (overnight 19 for no wicket): T. Franklin c Azharuddin b Ayub 28, J. Wright c Lal b Ayub 22, A. Jones c Srikkanth b Ayub 45, M. Greatbatch c Srikkanth b Raman 14, K. Rutherford c Lal b Hirwani 14, E. Gray b Hirwani 1, R. Hadke not out 1, J. Bracey-Smith not out 3, Extras (b-6 lb-4 ab-7) 17, Total (for six wickets) 145

Fall of wickets: 1-58 2-62 3-118 4-128 5-135 6-140

To bat: I. Smith, C. Kaggale, E. Chaffey

Bowling to date: Kapil Dev 8-4-18-0, Ayub 12-19-43-3, Hirwani 27-12-36-2, Shastri 14-6-14-0, Raman 16-6-23-1, Srikkanth 3-2-1-0.

Nomads beat Exiles in close game

KUWAIT Nomads took an important step in retaining the Gulf Merit Table title by defeating Dubai Exiles in the first away match of the season.

In a very close match, the Nomads managed to secure a 10-4 victory. Even before flying the Nomads suffered a setback with the late withdrawal of Hall. His place was taken by John Sanderson who gave a fine performance in his first team debut at scrum half.

Penalty
The battle in the forwards was hard and uncompromising. Dubai certainly had the edge in the scrums but failed to capitalise on this first phase possession. A series of four missed penalty kicks did not help their cause. With a minute to go before half-

time, Kuwait called a shortened line-out. Hill won the ball and it was passed out to fly-half Adams. A massive miss-pass found Ellis coming into the line at tremendous pace with the defence breached. Ellis put Bull-less away who made great use of his speed and extra weight to drive over the score in the corner.

The second half saw Dubai playing with renewed vigour. From secured scrum possession, a delightful loop move put their right wing in at the corner. With the scores level at 4-4, and time running out, neither side wanted to make a mistake. However the superior fitness of the Kuwait team kept Dubai pinned down. From a scrum on the fifteen metre line, Hill picked up, fed to Sanderson and onto Adams who

delightfully dropped a goal to put the Nomads three points into the lead. The Nomads forwards then began a series of drives deep into Dubai territory which eventually resulted in a penalty being conceded, the Adams only scoring.

Account

The Nomads were indebted to the boot of Adams, but also to the defensive skills of Ellis who looked "rock-like" under the high ball. In the forwards, Evans had an excellent game in the line-out, well served by "Baden" Winfield.

Following this game the Nomads 2nd XV took on Dubai, led by Jerry Young in his last game for the club. A mixture of youth and mainly experience

gave a very good account of themselves. The boot of Tyrrell gave the Nomads a 3-0 half-time lead. Again the Nomads struggled in the scrums and it required good defensive play by Ball and Burgess to keep Dubai at bay.

Mason had a splendid game at No. 8 with some fine attacking runs. However, with seconds left a kick through and chase gave Dubai the winning try which was converted to give them a 6-3 victory.

The 2nd XV had given their all, especially Quinn, Sole and Harvey for whom it was the second of the day.

The Nomads return to Dubai in a fortnight where they will attempt to win a place in the forthcoming Hong Kong Sevens.

CRICKET

W. Indies' last warm-up match ends in draw

SYDNEY, Nov 14, (Reuters): The four-day match between the West Indies and New South Wales, the final outing for the tourists before the first Test against Australia, ended in a draw today.

New South Wales, after unbeaten centuries by former Test opener John Dyson and all-rounder Mark Waugh, declared at 261 for one before tea, leaving the tourists an impossible target of 334 to win in less than two sessions of play.

The West Indies started the run chase on top gear, but after the loss of opener Richie Richardson for 15, were content to settle for a draw.

Lost

At tea they were 63 for one with Desmond Haynes on 42 and Keith Atherton six.

The touring side lost three further wickets in the last session with former Test off-spinner Peter Taylor clean bowling Haynes for 52, and having Carl Hooper caught by Test all-rounder Steve Waugh for 27.

Scores — NSW 401 for eight declared and 261 for one declared, West Indies 329 all out and 156 for four.

Sheffield Shield cricket results

SYDNEY, Nov 14, (Reuters): Results of Sheffield Shield cricket matches on the fourth and final day today.

In Melbourne: Victoria 103 and 281 (David Wharmston 90, Simon O'Donnell 44, Dirk Tasselaar five for 55), Queensland 260 and 125 for six (Trevor Barry 55, Merv Hughes three for 40), Queensland won by four wickets.

In Hobart: Tasmania 213 and 108 for one (David Boon 61 not out), Western Australia 502 for two declared. Drawn. (Final day's play abandoned because of rain).

Cosmopolitan overcome Dilmun in last over

By Yakub Razaque

A BRILLIANT all-round performance by Sri Lankan Johan Peres failed to stop Cosmopolitan Cricket Club from scoring a thrilling victory over the last two balls against Dilmun Sports Club in the Bahrain Cricket League this week.

Peres hit a magnificent 96 to set the stage alight which included six 6's and six 4's for Dilmun, who made 181 for 9 wickets in 25 overs. But his gallant effort was not enough to see his team through. Peres was given good support by Bill Davey who contributed 25 runs.

Struggling

Cosmopolitan took up the challenge and nearly floundered when at one stage they were struggling at 69 for 4 in only 13 overs. But a late flourish by their tailenders saw them romp home in 24.4 overs. Bobby with 46 and Simiah with 29 brought up the near-guard action with some bold gutsy hitting. Peres proved equally adept with the ball by taking 4 for 43 runs.

Final score: Dilmun Sports Club — 181 for 9 in 25 overs (Johan Peres 96, Bill Davey 25), Thyaganajab 3 for 58. Cosmopolitan Cricket Club — 182 for 9 in 24.3 overs (Bobby 46, Simiah 29, Pat 29) Peres 4 for 43, Dutton 3 for 37.

Results of other matches:

Godfather lost to Dadabhai by 8 wickets — Godfather 118 for 9 wickets in 23 overs (Khawaja Hasan 41, Khalid Sadiq 26), Rafiq Parker 5 for 41, Jaijai 2 for 7, Dadabhai 122 for 2 wickets in 15 overs (Jaijai 50 not out, Sami 39).

BSC B lost to Sri Lanka by 10 wickets — BSC B 78 in 23 overs. (Dabu 19 not out) Marius 4 for 15, Rahim 3 for 10, Sri Lanka 83 in 10 overs. (Augustine 44 not out, Osman 34 not out).

Asraf's beat Kanoo by 6 wickets — Asraf's 137 for 4 wickets in 27.4 overs (Sabbir 55 not out, Brian 42), Kanoo 134 in 23 overs. Lagi 4 for 29, Sabbir 4 for 25 (Ravi 84).

Awali beat MCC by 4 wickets — Awali 120 for 6 in 17 overs (Guy Parker 56, Brian Pansey 29), David 3 for 50, Maughan 2 for 6, MCC 119 for 4 in 25 overs (Turnbull 29, Dutton 26 not out, Maughan 24 not out).

Young Boys beat Buchery by 9 wickets. Young Boys 109 for 1 in 17 overs (Asim 57 not out, Jawad 25), Buchery 108 for 5 in 23 overs (Asif Shah 39, Mattoo 26 not out).

Navratilova overwhelms Evert

CHICAGO, Nov 14, (Reuters): Top-seeded Martina Navratilova had no trouble winning her 80th meeting with Chris Evert yesterday, posting a 6-2 victory for her ninth title of the year at the \$250,000 Chicago tennis tournament.

Navratilova, ranked second in the world behind Steffi Graf, won in Chicago for the third straight year and heads into the season-ending championships in New York with back-to-back titles. She won the New England tournament last week in Worcester, Massachusetts.

"I enjoyed winning," said Navratilova, who collected \$50,000 for her efforts. "But it was not a thrilling match. I know

Chris wasn't playing as well as she can."

Navratilova's powerful serve was the difference yesterday. Evert was outplayed, managed only two break points against Navratilova's serve and failed to convert either one.

By contrast, Navratilova broke Evert four times in the match. The sets were almost identical as Navratilova captured Evert's serve in the fourth and final game of each one.

"My opponent was just too good," said the third-ranked Evert. "She overpowered me."

In their previous meetings dating back to 1973, Navratilova has won 43 times with a 3-2 advantage this year.



Navratilova

Sanchez triumphs

BUENOS AIRES, Nov 14, (Reuters): Javier Sanchez of Spain won his first Grand Prix title yesterday when he upset defending champion Guillermo Perez Roldan of Argentina at the \$123,000 Argentine Open tennis championship.

The seventh-seeded Sanchez defeated the top seed 6-2 6-4 in just under two hours to take the \$20,000 winner's prize.

Hlasek edges Svensson

LONDON, Nov 14, (Reuters): Fourth seed Jakob Hlasek of Switzerland, who has specialised in overcoming adversity in 1988, recovered from losing the first two sets to beat Sweden's Jonas Svensson, the fifth seed, 6-7 3-6 6-4 6-7 5-7 in the London Grand Prix tennis final yesterday.

The prospect of such rich pickings must have seemed far-fetched at the start of the year when

Hlasek was badly injured in a car accident in France. He broke a wrist and three ribs and was out of competitive tennis for five months.

But since he returned, Hlasek has played with gathering confidence to reach at least the semifinal stage of his last four tournaments while climbing to 15th in the world rankings.

Pirates make Cubs fight for win in T-ball game

CUBS were made to fight for their 17-15 victory over Pirates in a Kuwait Little League T-ball game earlier this week. The Pirates have had a slow start this year but seem to be getting better every week.

Nassem Al Shaya had another great week as a homerun hitter, along with Khairy Abuljebain. Khairy's homerun drove in two more runs for the Pirates, but it just wasn't enough. Cubs just proved to be too much. With Jordan van Rye hitting a homerun in the third inning.

Proving

The Astros and the Mariners were next. After one inning the score was even at 2 all. Moid Tungebar, pitcher for the Mariners, is also proving to be a hitter, earning 1 RBI in this game. Fahad Methni and Abdullah Al Asousi are also credited with a RBI apiece. The play of the game came in the third inning, when Nekilth Pareek hit a fly ball to short stop Grace Colwell. She caught it and tagged second base, for an unassisted double play.

The Athletics-Royals game was also a close affair. The Athletics started out strong, taking an early 5-3 lead after one inning. Dong Ha Lee had a triple, bringing home 2 runs, and in the 4th and 5th innings, he brought in 3 more runs with a single and a double. Yousef Al Qolaf had a triple, but was left on base at the



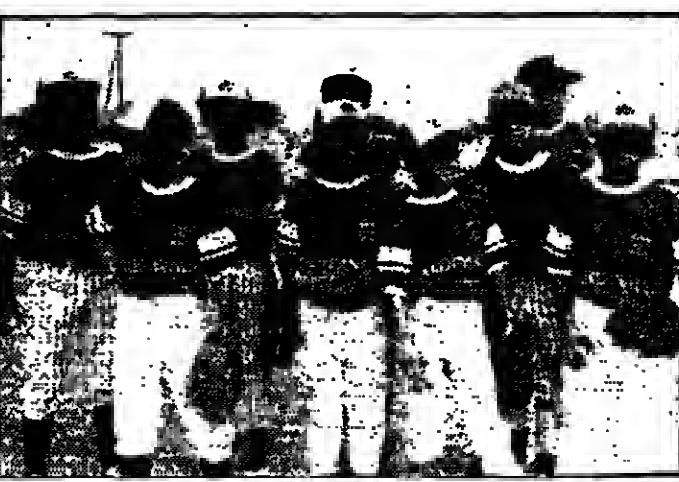
The Cubs squad which overcame Pirates.

end of the inning. The Royals never let up. Jason Zepelin, the Royals' pitcher, had a triple in the first inning, and scoring 2 runs. Shaab A. Badou did some fine hitting with a triple, in the second, and a double in the fifth inning. But it wasn't enough, the A's beating the Royals 14-11.

The Tigers overpowered the Indians 30-8 in a hard hitting game. For the Indians, Bader Hasan Al Anzi hit two triples, and two singles, bringing in one run. Nemeet Minhas had a homerun in the first inning, scoring 2 runs. Meshal Al Khabbaz had a homerun in the fourth, with a RBI.

In the next game between Mets and Blue Jams, Mets pitcher, Majid did a great job for his team. He struck out six batters in three innings, allowing only 7 runs. Gibran Hamdan had a homerun in the 2nd inning, helping his team tie the score. The Jays kept doing the needful, and with a strong show in the third, they managed to end up tied with the Mets, 7-7.

The Major League teams are looking pretty good this season. Two such teams are the Giants and the Cardinals. The Giants are undefeated so far. Their pitcher, Shunsaku Ito is the talk of the League. His fast ball is impressing every batter that lets

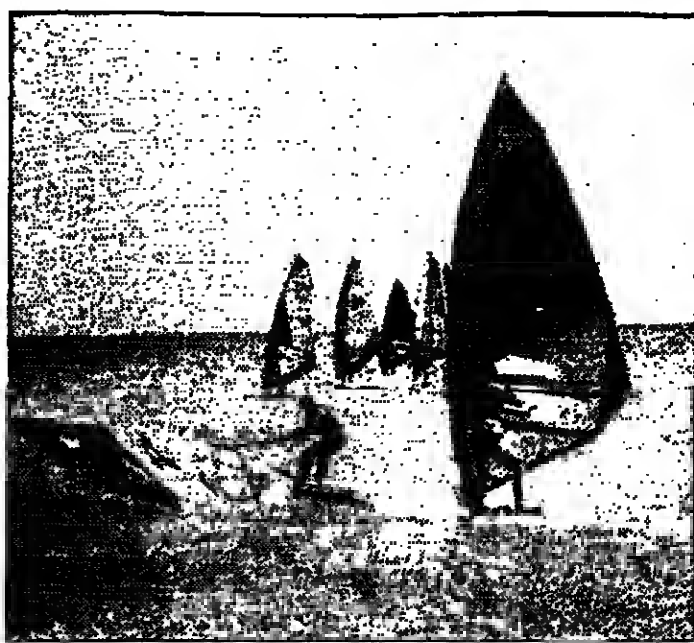


The Cardinals who lost to Giants.

it go by.

This week Shun struck out eleven batters, and walked only two. The Cards were impressed with the pitching, but they never gave up. Peter Puni had a triple in the third, and Sami Hajjaj had a hit to bring him home. Then Peter had a single in the fifth, stole his way to third, and Jihad Sakhliah brought him home. Finally Peter put it over the fence, bringing home Talal Navaro. Final score: 10-4, Giants.

The senior teams met for their game, but the White Sox were short a player. Yousef Al Shaya was traded for the day, and the two teams went at it. Tomohiro Imai did some impressive hitting.



The windsurfers getting ready for action.

Abdul-Rahman wins Photo-Surf Challenge

ABDUL-RAHMAN BAHMAN of SAS Club won the Photo-Surf Challenge at the SAS Club on Friday.

The event, which drew 35 windsurfers, comprised four races, including a relay. But this was a part of the competition. The second part was for the photographers.

While the windsurfers were in action, the photographers were busy clicking their cameras and are required to submit their entries to the organisers by Nov 25 with the prize distribution scheduled for Dec 2 at the SAS Club.

Position

The first race, which lasted just under an hour, was won by Abdul-Rahman, followed by Woolly de Bie of the Messilah Beach Hotel.

The second race (a forty-minute event around a complicated course) saw Abdul-Rahman and Steve Kelly neck and neck, well matched on their Mistral Competition SST boards, closely finishing with Abdul-Rahman in the winning position.

A change in the programme announced by Tony Saunders and co-judge Ian Thomas, resulted in the third race being held before lunch to take advantage of the favourable wind conditions. Abdul-Rahman performed a bat-trick, giving a superlative exhibition of a symphony of wave, wind, board and will and finished in first place, yet again.

Zicarelli shoots to victory

THE Kuwait Archery Federation held its second competition of the season for its senior members, at the Hunting & Equestrian Club on Friday. Although there was wind and even a slight drizzle, the determined archers were not put off and some good scores were chalked up.

In the men's A Division Angelo Zicarelli overcame his old rival Phil Hall and went on to score 1006 out of a possible 1440. Phil came second with 970. At 90 metres, with strong winds the archers are never sure if their arrows will actually hit the target but Phil Hall actually broke the Kuwait Archery Federation record for this distance with 208 out of a possible 360.

The Division A shot four distances which took almost five hours of continued shooting. In an international competition these four distances are shot over a period of two days but as most of the Kuwaiti archers have to

work on Thursdays, the competition has to be squeezed into one day — a great physical feat for these archers.

In the women's A Division Carolyn Tsering had only her previous best score to compete against.

Caught

In the B Division the archers shot only two distances — 50 metres and 30 metres. Hani Badr came first although newcomer to the sport Jean-Pierre Turque almost caught him up with 422.

Two archers who recently joined the federation classes shot really well in the C Division with Bader Sharhan taking first place and Remi Specter second.

The next senior competition will be an open handicap 900 round. The prizes were presented by Mohammed M. Al Shabeh, managing director of the Hunting & Equestrian Club. For more information, phone 4739199 ext. 31 and 48.

Arrows outclass Casuals

FLYING ARROWS hit their mark after being set 129 runs for victory against Casuals in the Thursday League at Ahmadi.

Casuals won the toss and sent in opener Wells (30) and Tudball (20) who quickly set about the bowling of Salim and Javid. The pair were scoring at more than seven runs an over before Wells hit himself on the foot and followed the move by gently lobbing a delivery back to Salim.

Seward (23) was looking in good form until being caught behind in strange fashion. Clements (18) was also building up his score before being dismissed in his usual manner, caught in the deep. Snwden (15) and Anderson (11) also contributed runs whilst Hodgson ran well between the wickets.

The Arrows bowlers kept a steady line and managed in hold Casuals to 128 off 23 overs.

Carry

In reply, Flying Arrows soon lost Verold to the pace of Anderson (2 for 17 off 6) but Derrick (34) and Salim (25) managed to retain their wickets and carry the score on. The run-rate was just being kept up and when Anderson and Seward dismissed the two batsmen in quick succession Casuals hopes were high.

However an aggressive knock by Ashok (45 not out), making good use of his feet, turned the tables on Arrows. With Mukesh (11) in support Flying Arrows made their target in the final over of the day.

Monteiro to lead India XI in Speedbird Trophy

FRANK MONTEIRO has been named as captain of the India XI who meet Great Britain XI in the Speedbird Trophy Cricket Tournament in Ahmadi on Friday.

Monteiro has been playing for Kuwait Cricketers (Hawks) since 1974 and captained the team in 1976. As a captain, he won three trophies for his team that year.

The other players named to the India XI are: Andrew Pinho, Ramesh, James, Shivi Bhasin, Jayanthilal, Ralph DeNeise, Derrick, Albert, Chris Somosek-ere, Mukesh, Sajid Raza and Salim.

Slight

Pinho is the vice-captain of the squad. He is a genuine all-rounder who bowls fast and bats at number three. Pinho will get a lot of help from Ramesh, James, Jayanthilal, DeNeise, Derrick, Sajid Raza and Salim in the bowling department.

The Indian side has been packed with all-rounders and probably have a slight edge over their opponents. But the game promises to be a close affair as in the previous encounters between the two sides.

The match will start at 9.30 am on Friday at the KOC New Ground.

The British squad won the match last year while the Indians were the winners in 1986.

Gulf Air Trophy

EVERGREEN will meet Crown Cricket Club in the opening match of Gulf Air Trophy at Sabah Al Salem Area (N.C.) ground on Friday afternoon. In a morning match, starting at 9.00 am, Evergreen tackle YMCA Club in the first round of Al Athla Champion's Trophy.

Hubara outlast Hawks

HUBARA continued their good start with a close victory over Hawks in the KOC Arrescon League played at Ahmadi on Friday.

Hubara aiming to keep their 100 per cent record in this League won the toss and batted first. Openers Craig Shipton and David Talbot gave Hubara an excellent start by putting on 69 runs for the first wicket when Shipton was out caught off the bowling of Ishtiaq for 36 runs.

David Talbot was out next soon following the other opener for a hard earned 32 runs, another victim of Ishtiaq's fine spell of bowling. As the overs and time were whittled away so were the Hubara wickets with Jimmy James causing a brief upset to Ishtiaq's figures with a quickfire 24 runs in 14 minutes.

Hubara were eventually restricted to 146 off 22 overs with Martin Coulson wading in with a few lusty blows at the end undefeated on 13 not out. Ishtiaq

was the most effective and economical of the Hawks bowlers with figures of 4 for 23 followed by Jayanti just back from holiday claiming 3 wickets for 12 runs at the end trying to oppress the Hubara charge.

Hawks started their innings as if there was no tomorrow with Tareq and Jayanti aiming to put the ball to all parts of the ground only to find a Hubara fielder getting in the way. Patrick Flower made the breakthrough by decisively bowling Jayanti in the 3rd over.

Hawks then tried to build their innings around a fine half century from Hiran who was made to work for every run by the tight Hubara fielding. As the light faded so however did the Hawks innings with experienced players throwing their wickets away at important times, Hubara were always in command.

Hawks were able to muster only 135 leaving them 11 runs short of the required total.

and Drexler & Peter Harris Results of Hubara bridge game held on Saturday:

N/S
1. Simon & Mukerjee
2. Rajiv & Vaidyanathan
3. Saper & Faisal

E/W
1. Mrs Pereira & D'Souza
2. Samaha & Chumey
3. Salama Ali & Biebel

Results of the SAS Bridge Club game played on Sunday:
1. Elly & Nicole
2. Camille & Honda
3. Rabab & Sheila

BRIDGE

RESULTS of the Hubara Bridge Club game played on Friday:
N/S

1. Shah & Zuberi
2. Zamzuri & Moushi
3. Sheria & Hossain
4. Saper & Isam Ali
5. Yasin & Ghazi

E/W
1. Mrs Saper & Johnny
2. Lollo Murtwhait & Dora Matery
3. Salama Ali & Simon
4. Diab & Kaba

SPORTS BRIEFS

Premier win

PREMIER Cricket Club defeated Ashraf Cricket Club by 32 runs at the Church ground earlier this week. Premier were all out for 89 while batting first but Ashraf were skittled out for only 57.

Brief tour

WELLINGTON, Nov 14, (Reuters): The New Zealand Cricket Council confirmed today it had been asked by England if it could host a brief tour in place of a cancelled trip to India. Chairman Barry Paterson told Reuters a decision would be made at the next scheduled council meeting on November 25 and 26.

Drug use

TORONTO, Nov 14, (Reuters): One of Canada's most respected judges opens an investigation tomorrow of drug use in Canadian sports, including the doping scandal that cost sprinter Ben Johnson his gold medal in the Seoul Olympics.

Cup qualifier

BRUSSELS, Nov 14, (Reuters): Injuries to four key players forced Belgian national soccer coach Guy Thys yesterday to revamp his squad for tomorrow's World Cup qualifying match in Czechoslovakia.

Arsenal player

LONDON, Nov 14, (Reuters): David O'Leary's mystery international exile ended yesterday when Ireland manager Jack Charlton called up the Arsenal player for tomorrow's World Cup soccer qualifier in Spain.

Honduras held

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras, Nov 14, (AP): Charles Charlton scored 10 minutes into the second half last night and Trinidad and Tobago tied Honduras 1-1 to advance to the third round of qualifying for soccer's 1990 World Cup.

NBA games

NEW YORK, Nov 14, (Reuters): Results of National Basketball Association (NBA) games played yesterday.

H Rockets 129 S Kings 127
D Nuggets 143 PT Blazers 132

Attention!

VOLUNTEERS at the 3rd Bi-annual Kuwait Offshore Powerboat Race, held on Oct 28, are requested to contact the Arab Times office immediately. Tel: 4813566 ext. 287, after 11 am.

Bears maul Redskins

NEW YORK, Nov 14, (AP): Mike Tomczak and Matt Suhey each ran for first-half touchdowns as the aroused Chicago Bears, with recuperating coach Mike Ditka looking on from the sidelines, charged to a 20-0 half-time lead en route to a 34-14 thrashing of the Washington Redskins yesterday.

"He doesn't have to stand up and coach. He has a tremendous presence," Bears safety Dave Duerson said of Ditka, who suffered a mild heart attack only 11 days earlier.

Bears defensive co-ordinator Vince Tobin handled the team, with only a few pieces of advice offered by Ditka.

In other games in the National Football League, it was Kansas City 31, Cincinnati 28; Indianapolis 20, Green Bay 13; New Zealand 14, the New York Jets 13; Philadelphia 27, Pittsburgh 26; San Diego 10, Atlanta 7; Tampa Bay 23, Detroit 20; the Los Angeles Raiders 9, San Francisco 3; New Orleans 14, the Los Angeles Rams 10; Phoenix 24, the New York Giants 17; Denver 30, Cleveland 7; Seattle 27, Houston 24, and Minnesota

43, Dallas 3.

Bears 34, Redskins 14

The Bears, 9-2, limited the defending Super Bowl champions to 49 yards in the decisive first half. Washington quarterback Doug Williams completed only six of 19 passes for 69 yards before leaving early in the third period. His replacement, Mark Rypien, threw touchdown passes to Ricky Sanders and Gary Clark but had four passes intercepted by the NFL's top-rated defense.

Chiefs 31, Bengals 28

Albert Lewis made two big plays in the last six minutes as Kansas City, 2-9-1, overcame a 28-19 deficit. Lewis blocked a punt out of the end zone to pull the Chiefs within 28-21. Then, after Christian Okoye's 1-yard run tied the score 28-28, Lewis recovered a fumble by Cincinnati's Marc Logan on the kickoff. Kansas City took over on the Cincinnati 28 with 1:05 to go, and woo it 63 seconds later on Nick Lowery's fifth field goal of the game, a 39-yarder.

Colts 20, Packers 13

Chris Chandler passed for two touchdowns, but Indianapolis, 6-5, had to stop a last-second

drive at the 2-yard line to beat Green Bay for its fifth straight victory.

Patriots 14, Jets 13

A big-play defense forced three turnovers and John Stephens scored the clinching touchdown with 6:48 remaining as New England, 6-5, won its first road game of the season in five starts.

Eagles 27, Steelers 28

Luis Zendejas kicked an 18-yard field goal with 1:15 left for the Eagles, 6-5, who overcame mistakes to keep their playoff hopes alive. The Steelers, 2-9, lost for the ninth time in 10 games.

Chargers 10, Falcons 7

Rod Bernstein ran 57 yards with a short pass from Mark Vlasic to set up Barry Redden's 5-yard touchdown run with 4:32 to play as San Diego, 3-8, snapped a six-game losing streak.

Bucs 23, Lions 20

Donald Igwebuike kicked a 52-yard field goal with 10 seconds remaining as Tampa Bay, 3-8, crawled out of the NFC Central basement. Detroit and Green Bay, each 2-9, replaced the Bucs.

European directors expect to wrap up accord with ATP

ROME, Nov 14, (Reuters): European tournament directors are confident of wrapping up an agreement with the Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) next week on co-operating with the players' proposed rebel tour in 1990.

Italian Franco Bartoni, chairman of the newly-formed Pro Tennis Europe — a union of European tournament directors — said today he would meet officials of the breakaway ATP in New York on the 20th and 21st or the 21st and 22nd.

"I think the two days will be enough (to reach agreement). Things are already pretty clear," Bartoni told Reuters in Rome.

Bartoni said he had been nominated unanimously by a meeting of 34 European tournament directors in Zurich on Saturday to represent them at

negotiations with the ATP.

"Let us say that we are in favour of participating with the players," Bartoni said. "The important thing is that tournament directors were united. There was no dissent."

The ATP announced this month that it was withdrawing from the existing Grand Prix circuit, run by the Men's Tennis Council (MTC), to form its own tour in 1990.

It believes the existing circuit, administered by the MTC, has too many tournaments and leaves players exhausted by the end of the year.

Bartoni said a number of problems had to be resolved at the New York meeting but that most issues had already been discussed informally and were not insuperable.

Starlite crush Bright Star

STARLITE Cricket Club defeated Bright Star Cricket Club by six wickets in a first-round match of the Al Athla Cricket Trophy tournament at the KCL ground on Friday.

Bright Star batted first and scored 166 for the loss of six wickets by the end of the 28 allotted overs. Ajmal was the top scorer with 85 while Mohammed Ali scored 30.

For Starlite, Qayyum took

three wickets while Maqsood Sr got two and Maqsood Jr one.

Chasing nearly six runs per over for victory, Starlite lost an early wicket when Iqbal was out with the score only two. Bader Munir repaired the damage with a quick 35 while Arif hit 57 and Adnan scored 49 to take their team to victory.

For Bright Star, Ali, Robin, Arshad and Shahid took one wicket each.

Lucky Star thrash Asim

LUCKY STAR Cricket Club beat Asim Cricket Club by four wickets in a KCL Tournament match at the Sabah Al Salem ground earlier this week.

Asim opted to bat, after winning the toss, and scored 176 for the loss of eight wickets in their 27 allotted overs. Farhat was the top scorer with 50 while Ifkhar scored 39 and Ghulam Mustafa 27.

For Lucky Star, Naeem Butt was the main wicket-taker with three for 20 while Ifkhar, Basam and Amir got one wicket each.

In reply, Lucky Star got the required runs for the loss of only six wickets. The innings was built around a 104-run partnership between Arif (66) and Waqar (56).

Strange and Kite set for playoff

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif., Nov 14, (Reuters): Tom Kite birdied the final hole to gain a tie with Curtis Strange yesterday at the end of regulation play at the \$2 million Nabisco Championships of golf on a soggy Pebble Beach golf links.

Kite's birdie gave him an even-par 72 for a nine-under 279 total after 72 holes. Strange, the US Open champion who led after each of the first three rounds, bogeyed the 17th hole and finished at 279 after a final round of 74.



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